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B. C. MEMBERS' PLEA FOR ASIATIC EXCLUSION

Representatives of Province Speak to Resolution Introduced by Ralph Smith--No Room for White and Yellow.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The question of Oriental immigration introduced in the House of Commons yesterday by Ralph Smith (Nanaimo), was spoken to by other members of the House from British Columbia. The speeches were all in the same vein, strongly advocating the exclusion of Asiatics. Summaries of the different speeches are given below:

R. G. Macpherson, of Vancouver, seconded R. Smith's resolution. He said the British Columbia legislature can pass Natal Acts, which are only educational tests, until the crack of doom. They will never stop the Oriental from coming into the country. To carry this question to its logical conclusion they must not forget that British Columbia borders on the province of Alberta, and they cannot prevent Orientals from coming into the province from another province.

I do not think it requires the training of a constitutional lawyer to recognize the fact that the province of British Columbia was entirely outside its jurisdiction when it passed the Natal Act. The only authority that can handle this question is the federal government at Ottawa, and to the federal government at Ottawa we look for a solution of the problem.

Concluding Mr. Macpherson said: "It is my opinion that the yellow peril is much closer than the people of this country have any appreciation of. Even if it is not, it is a wise precaution on the part of our government, in view of what has taken place in the last few months, to take such measures as shall really and thoroughly stop and further influx such as we have had during the last few months. The city of Vancouver has given an object lesson to the rest of Canada. I am not in sympathy with popular outbreaks which suggest the idea of riot, because we are a law-abiding people, and endeavor to protect those who come to our shores, but if a few more shiploads of these Orientals come it will only intensify that feeling, and intensification of that feeling would work disaster for the rest of Canada.

W. Sloan Speaks.

W. Sloan (Comox) said from the fact that he had spent a portion of his life in the Orient, he hoped to deal with the question from a not altogether local point of view. In its present aspect the question of Oriental immigration and its consequent effect upon our country was most vital. It was the most important matter which had been before parliament since confederation. He did not concur in any sense with the efforts put forth to make this a merely social or political issue. Holding the views which he did upon the subject, he desired to discuss it from the standpoint of loyalty to his native Canada, of loyalty to the flag under which we live.

Members who had preceded him had dealt very fully with various features connected with the question, and it would not be necessary to give in further detail or cite the many able efforts which were made by those opposed to Chinese and Japanese immigration. One effort resulted in parliament declaring, feebly it was true, in 1885, for a white Canada, by imposing a head tax of $50 upon Chinese entering the Dominion. Again in 1900, with more emphasis, the parliament of Canada declared for the principle of a white Canada by increasing the head tax to $100. In 1903 parliament again declared in no uncertain voice for a white Canada when the head tax on Chinese was increased to $500, and this was coupled with the statement made upon the floor of this House that the Japanese government had agreed to restrict the emigration of laborers to this country. He was one of those who favored at that time a policy of exclusion, and he had not changed his views. The action of parliament, however, was accepted by a great majority as settling the question. It was accepted by all as a compromise and the matter was disposed of and regarded as definitely settled. Recent events had shown that parliament was unduly optimistic, that the $500 tax did not altogether exclude, for within the past seven months some 950 Chinese have paid the head tax.

The understanding given to this government by Japan then, and still acknowledged by representatives of Japan, had been evaded, in that the maximum was 600 Japanese laborers, as he understood it, to arrive in Canada in any one year. The arrivals, however, from July 1, 1904, to Nov. 30, 1907, are 11,113. And, as has been pointed out, another new and disturbing feature also is the influx of Hindus, over 4,000 having arrived in the past two years. Thus again was reopened the question of whether this Dominion of ours, or any portion of it, was to be white or yellow. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had stated that the situation, as far as Japan was concerned, was different. He agreed with the premier fully in that statement, but from the very fact that it was different and more difficult it was dangerous, and the remedy must naturally be more drastic.

By those who favored—and they were not a few—Oriental immigration into Canada, the statement was made that labor was scarce in the West. That might be true, but it was equally true as regards Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, or the prairie provinces, and, as had been pointed out, not only laborers, but all classes and conditions were affected by the influx of Japanese and other Orientals, the potent result naturally being to discourage those of our own race who would, were different conditions prevailing, be more readily inclined to settle on our western shores.

The natural resources of Nova Scotia Ontario, Quebec and the prairie provinces had been developed by white labor, and it was a gross libel to say that the Pacific province, with resources more varied, more extensive, more valuable, could not be developed with white labor. It would mean a more equal division of the wealth produced. It might mean a decrease in dividends and a consequent shrinkage of unearned stock values to a proper legitimate business, to employ white labor, but the final results would be good business for Canada, for Canadian enterprises and Canada's dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

We were just rounding off the first century of British dominion on the northwest coast of America. In that brief space of time, through the indifference of imperial statesmen we have lost large areas of territory and coast line, both on the south and the north of what we now hold. His firm conviction was in view of past history and present conditions that unless there was a complete reversal of policy, time would see our present possessions of British Columbia from the Rocky mountains westward to the Pacific ocean become a colony, and ultimately a possession of an united orient. Honorable members might say "never," they could all subscribe to that sentiment, but it did not stop the locust swarm of Asiatics from coming, nor was it in any sense a check on the uncounted millions of the Far East.

Who could pretend to say what the outcome would be? We had to trace England's rise to greatness to her position as a great world power, to her present position of naval and commercial supremacy through a long gradual process of development.

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DISPATCH OF FLEET WAS WISE MEASURE

London Times Eulogizes President Roosevelt--Misgivings Have Been Dispelled.

London, Dec. 17.—The Times this morning, in an editorial eulogizing President Roosevelt, regards the dispatch of the American fleet to the Pacific as a demonstration of the views enumerated in his presidential message.

"This attitude," says the Times, "must command the respect and approbation of English papers. We admire the resolution with which he clings to his naval policy, not less than the broad wisdom by which it is inspired."

The Times proceeds to confess that misgivings, which formerly were expressed on the inopportunities of the policy have been dispelled by Secretary Taft's visit to the east and the admirable temper and restraint shown by the Japanese government and people.

IN BRITISH WATERS.

Sir Thomas Lipton Will Race at Home Next Year.

London, Dec. 17.—Sir Thomas Lipton declares that he has no intention to race the new Shamrock for the international cup recently offered by the Brooklyn Yacht Club for competition in American waters in 1908. He says the next season he will be fully employed in British waters, for which purpose the Shamrock was specially built.

POLICE CAPTAIN SENTENCED.

New York, Dec. 17.—Justice Burr sentenced Acting Police Captain Caupne to-day to thirty days' imprisonment in King's county jail and to pay a fine of $250 for contempt in failing to obey a writ, restraining him from taking the Bertillon measurements of Frank Jenkins, recently indicted on a charge of forgery and larceny in connection with the suspension of the Jenkins Trust Co. This is another step in an effort of the Jenkins brothers to have their Bertillon records destroyed.

FOOTBALL CAUSE OF DEATH.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 17.—Wallace Abbott, a 14-year-old boy, is dead from blood poisoning, caused by a kick while playing football at the Collegiate Institute.

CHILE REDUCES SUGAR TARIFF.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 17.—The Chilean congress has reduced the import tax on all kinds of sugar by 50 per cent.

NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLOSION.

"Yeggmen" Believed to Have Caused Accident at Dupont Powder Works.

Bowling Green, O., Dec. 17.—Six hundred quarts of nitro-glycerine in the Dupont powder works, two and a half miles from here, exploded at 5 p.m. yesterday. It is not believed there was loss of life as the employees had left the premises. Six men employed in the works had a narrow escape from injury. John McClean was caught in the debris and severely hurt. Window glass in houses a mile distant was shattered.

A theory as to the cause is advanced that "Yeggmen" in an attempt to replenish their supply of the explosive for use in safe blowing, dropped some of it. Color is given to this by the finding of a man's vest and a horse blanket near the scene, but no human flesh was discovered.

SEVENTY LOST LIVES IN EXPLOSION

Heated Air Retarding Work of Rescue in Yohande Mine Disaster

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 17.—Advices from Yolande indicate that about 70 met death by the explosion in the mines at that place early yesterday. The work of recovery is slow, and while hundreds of miners from adjacent mining camps are present to assist, it is thought that all of the dead cannot be taken out before to-night. Fewer than 100 men were in the mine.

The cause of the explosion has not been officially determined. The mine has been pronounced free from gas by state inspectors, and it is thought that the explosion was caused by dust. For two hours after the explosion, it was impossible to venture even near the mouth of the mine, so hot was the air that rushed out. The explosion was below the second sub-entry.

A later message from Yolande says 35 bodies have been taken from the mines, and that the rescuers believe between 35 and 40 are still in the mines.

LAWYER AND SAVANT.

Quebec, Dec. 16.—The death occurred to-day of Napoleon Legendre, a well-known advocate and a doctor of letters of Laval university, as well as a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He had attained the age of 56 years and 10 months.

SUPPOSED CASE OF SUICIDE.

Alexandra, Ont., Dec. 17.—A man who registered at the Commercial hotel as Moor, Ottawa, was found dead on Kenyon streets last night with a bullet wound in his head and a revolver lying alongside. It is a supposed case of suicide. The man was about 60 years old and apparently a commercial traveller.

TWO NEGROS ELECTROCUTED.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 17.—Charles Gibson and Stephen Dorsey, both colored men, were electrocuted at the state prison to-day for the murder of Mrs. Edward Horner and Victor Natoli, the latter a servant girl employee of Mrs. Horner. The murders were committed with a robbery in the Horner home last August. Dorsey was electrocuted a few minutes after Gibson. They were accompanied by Rev. Jacob Dunn, a colored minister. Both men died instantly.

RADIUM AS CURE FOR HUMAN ILLS

Sir William Ramsay Says It Eliminates Rodent Ulcer--Successful Cancer Experiments.

New York, Dec. 17.—Writing to a London paper which recently published an article saying that the hopes doctors entertained when radium was first discovered had received no measure of fulfilment, apart from some action of skin diseases, Sir. Wm. Ramsay is quoted in a London special to the Times as saying:

"I must ask you to give publicity to the fact that the rodent ulcer, a terrible disease, which chiefly attacks the face, can be cured with ctrtainty with exposure for a few months, at intervals, to rays emitting radium bromide."

The authorities of the Middlesex hospital in London, who are pursuing investigations as to cancer, are extremely well satisfied, the Times' cable says, with the results obtainable from radium in the treatment of this disease. They do not claim it is a specific for all, but say that the percentage of successful treatments is notable.

TWO KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 17.—In a wreck at Angler, east of Schreiber, yesterday afternoon, William Small, fireman, of Schreiber, aged 20, was instantly killed. Philip McAllen, an engineer, of Schreiber, aged 48, was so seriously injured that he died in a hospital here.

SUNFIELD MUST DIE.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 17.—The minister of justice has informed Sunfield's lawyer that the murderer cannot have a new trial, and that he must be hanged on December 27th

JAPANESE POLICY OF RETRENCHMENT

WILL REDUCE EXPENSES IN ARMY AND NAVY

Government of Mikado Purposes to Save $200,000,000 in Six Years.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—The financial programme already outlined in the A. P. cables was formally settled at the meeting of the council of elder statesmen yesterday.

The programme is one of retrenchment and involves a reduction of the expenses of the army and navy for the next six years, whereby the government will save $200,000,000. It also means the postponement of certain government undertakings. The curtailments in connection with the increases in the taxes on sugar, oil and tobacco are calculated to wipe out the deficit of the coming year.

There has been great activity and progress since the return of Marquis Ito from Korea. He is investigating the immigration plans and is said to fully approve the proposals to limit the number of laborers going abroad. The marquis is preparing a land bill for Korea which will open the lands to all foreigners.

The law will provide a strict system of registration, which has hitherto been unknown, and will absolutely prevent the possibility of the seizure of Korean property by Japanese or foreigners.

AGED WOMEN AS TERRORISTS

GRANDMOTHER OF RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

Rounding up Associates of Tschaikovsky Who Is Murdered in St. Petersburg Fortress

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—Several additional arrests and many houses visited are events which have followed the arrest recently, and the confinement in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul of Nicholas Tschaikovsky, who was the founder of the first revolutionary circle in St. Petersburg in which many of the most prominent terrorists were educated.

The police are energetically tracing the ramifications of M. Tschaikovsky's stay in St. Petersburg which lasted several weeks, and every person whom he is known to have visited has been put under arrest. The charges against M. Tschaikovsky involve his activity only during the last two years, including this trip to the United States last spring to collect money for revolutionary purposes, as his earlier activities are covered by the amnesty decree issued after the Emperor's manifesto of October 10, 1905. Among the acquaintences of Tschaikovsky arrested, are two aged women, Mme. Svankodd and Mme. Brovinsky. The latter is known as "the grandmother of the Russian revolution." Mme. Brovinsky returned two years ago to the United States and has been very active in the cause of the revolutionists there.

BUSINESS QUARREL LED TO DUEL

Former Mississippi Senator Wounded but Kills His Man in City Main Street.

Laurel, Miss., Dec. 17.—An elaborately planned duel occurred in the main street of Laurel to-day in which Edward Bragg was killed and B. W. Sharborough, a former state senator, was wounded.

The two had a quarrel over a business matter in the morning, in which Bragg is said to have advised Sharborough to go and get his gun. Sharborough went to a nearby store and purchased a shotgun and shells, while Bragg waited. When Sharborough reappeared Bragg opened fire, hitting his man three times, without dangerously wounding him. Sharborough, in spite of his wounds, advanced so close that Bragg seized the muzzle of the shotgun. Sharborough fired, ending the duel by mortally wounding Bragg. A boy spectator was slightly wounded.

1,600 POLISH SCHOOLS CLOSED.

Warsaw, Russia, Dec. 17.—Sixteen hundred Polish schools in all parts of Poland have been closed in consequence of an order issued by General Salem, superintendent of the Polish School Association. The funds in the hands of the association, amounting to $150,000, have been sent abroad to avoid confiscation.

NEGRO MINSTREL LYNCHED.

Resented Being Called "A Yankee Nigger"—Body Riddled With Bullets.

Shrivesport, La., Dec. 17.—A negro member of a travelling minstrel troupe, who gave his name as Homer Rogers, was hanged by a mob in Morehouse parish last night and his body riddled with bullets. As far as can be ascertained the lynching resulted when Rogers resented a remark by a white man declaring that he was "a Yankee nigger and did not take any impudence."

RULERS LEAVE ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 17.—The King and Queen of Norway, who have been on a visit to England, left here to-day for Coppenhagen. The infant prince Olaf is with them.

AUTOCAB TRAGEDY IN NEW YORK

Youth Fatally Injured Girl With Revolver and Then Committed Suicide.

New York, Dec. 17.—Bernard Wallace, a telephone operator, shot and fatally injured his companion Elsie Kerlin and then killed himself last night in an autocab in which the two were driving on the eastern Parkway, Brooklyn.

Startled by the report of a pistol twice discharged, the chauffeur stopped his cab and hastily dropping to the ground threw open the door to find one of his fares dead and the other dying.

The woman had fallen to the floor of the cab after receiving a bullet in the right temple. She was still breathing but unconscious. The man was sitting upright in the seat and had apparently been instantly killed. He shot himself in the mouth.

Wallace was employed by the Commercial Cable Company in Broad street this city and lived in Brooklyn. Miss Kerlin was 22 years old and employed as a telegraph operator. She died soon after being removed from the cab.

Wallace was about 18 years old and made his home with his mother and two sisters. The mother has been made critically ill by the shock of the tragedy. A possible clue to the motive for the shooting was found in a letter taken by the police from the coat Wallace had worn. The letter was in a woman's handwriting and referred to a quarrel between the writer and Wallace and a desire for a reconciliation was expressed.

FINANCIAL FAILURE.

Smelter City Bank With Deposits of $100,000 Fails to Open.

Durango, Dec. 17.—The Smelter City bank of Durango, a state institution with a capital of $30,000, failed to open this morning. No statement of its assets or liabilities has been given out, but the deposits are believed not to exceed $100,000.

CANADA'S ENVOY AT BANQUET.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—The minister of labor, the Hon. R. Lemieux, of Canada, was the guest of honor at a farewell banquet attended by 300 leading citizens and officers, including Foreign Minister Hayashi, to the British ambassador, Sir Claude MacDonald.

HURLED WOOD AT AUSTRIAN PREMIER

Christian Socialists Attack Ruthenians in Chamber of Deputies--Chairs as Weapons.

Vienna, Dec. 17.—There was a riotous scene in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. Members of the Ruthenian party saw fit to interrupt the proceedings and a Ruthenian deputy threw a piece of wood at the premier. Christian Socialists then retaliated by attacking the Ruthenians, using chairs as weapons. Several deputies sustained serious injuries before order was restored.

NEGRO OUTRAGE.

Racial Prejudice Led to Death of Three Italians.

Monroe, La., Dec. 17.—Another Italian was killed on Sunday morning near Tremont, La., by negroes, making three Italians to lose their lives on acount of prejudice against their replacing local lumber mill laborers at Chathamville, La. Two other Italians were wounded near Chathamville and twenty-six were robbed.

Americans Accused.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Prompt steps will be taken by the Italian ambassador to ascertain the exact facts connected with the shooting and killing of two Italians on Saturday night at Chathamville, La., who had been imported there to work in the camps of the Tremont Lumber Company. The murder is said to have been committed by a mob of American workmen who had been displaced by the Italians in the lumber camps.

Breathing ceases to be possible at a height greater than seven miles from the earth.

GRAVE CRISIS IN PERSIAN EMPIRE

MANIFESTO ISSUED TO WORLD POWERS

Rights Trampled Under Foot, People Oppressed, and Nation in Helpless State.

Teheran, 17.—Speaking on behalf of the nation the Persian parliament has issued a manifesto to the world. The present constitutional crisis is explained, and an appeal for assistance made in the document. The manifesto which was distributed to the foreign legations and consulates here this afternoon says:

"When the affairs of the empire had fallen into a helpless state the nation saw its only salavtion in constitutional government. The late Shah granted a constitution, and the reigning Shah confirmed it, but persons who under the despotic regime were accustomed to oppress the people, misled our young sovereign into the belief that the consituation was the cause of the present troubles.

"The nations does not wish to do anything that will disturb the peace, but in view of the attack of the reactionary members of the government, it will defend the constitition—it's only hope—to the utmost.

"By means of this manifesto the Persian nation makes known to all legations and foreign diplomatic representatives the actual condition of affairs, and it informs them that the sovereign is violating his covenant with the people. It makes this announcement to all nations of the world, convinced that they will show brotherly love to the ten million Persians, and not allow their rights to be trodden under foot."

The negotiations between the Shah and parliament have up to the present time been without result. To-day the members of the old cabinet are holding a council in the palace. The post office and all shops in Teheran are closed, and no newspapers have been published to-day.

Minister Exiled.

Teheran, Dec. 17.—On the intervention of the British minister yesterday Premier Nasir El Mulk, and the minister of the interior, Sanin El Dowleh, who were arrested on the orders of the Shah, have been liberated. The former started last night for Europe in exile.

DENOUNCE BRITISH POLICY IN CHINA

Gunboats Putting End to Piracy on West Coast Arouse Ire of Natives.

Canton, China, Dec. 17.—At a Chinese mass meeting held here to-day the "high-handed overhauling" of suspected launches and junks on the West river by British warships was denounced.

Great Britain is patrolling the West river with a fleet of about ten gunboats in an effort to put a stop to piracy.

The meeting further passed a resolution to declare a boycott upon the British manufacturers and to inaugurate a strike among the Chinese in the employ of Englishmen if the British flotilla is not withdrawn from the river.

AMERICA'S WAR BALLOON.

Specifications of What Is Required for New Dirigible Are Issued.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Specifications for the construction of a dirigible balloon for the use of the army, and for which tenders from Americans will be considered, were issued yesterday.

The balloon is to be of silk, lined with hydrogen, capable of carrying two people, weighing 350 pounds with 100 pounds of ballast; must be capable of making a speed which may be produced at reduced cost down to sixteen miles, of a higher speed up to twenty-four miles at an enhanced cost. It must make an endurance flight of two hours at an average speed of 70 per cent. of the trial requirements and must maintain its equilibrium without change of position by the aeronaut.

Bids must be submitted by January 15th next and be accompanied by certified checks to the amount of 15 per cent. of the stated price. They must include scale drawings, which will be kept secret. The trial tests will be made at Fort Meyer, Va.

RIOT IN HAVANA.

Five Killed and Twelve Wounded in Labor Troubles.

Havana, Dec. 17.—Striking masons yesterday attacked the men who had taken their places, and a serious riot ensued. Five men were shot and twelve others wounded in various ways. The police used their clubs freely and made many arrests.

A meeting of the strikers was called last night, which was still in session at a late hour, and more trouble is feared. The strike is for a nine-hour day.

DIED LIKE DOG IN POLICE CELL

WOUNDED PRISONER RENDERED NO HELP

Winnipeg Press Denounces Methods of Department--Disgrace to the City.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Winnipeg papers are scoring the police force these days for acts of unnecessary severity inflicted on prisoners. One evening paper said last night: "The report of the proceedings at the inquest of James Robertson makes very sad reading. It should awaken the people of Winnipeg to a sense of their responsibility. Let us not forget that this man was imprisoned by the community, by us, and although wounded to death was left for 36 hours without attendance.

"In the evidence, the police proved far too much. The admission was made that one hour after the man was brought in he prayed weakly but intelligently to be let out. He prayed as some despairing prisoner in a medieval oubliette might pray.

"Yet the theory of the police is that he was in a drunken stupor. At 6 p.m. he was rational, at 10 a.m. he was too drunk to appear before the magistrate. If after twelve hours or more of sleep, he was too drunk to appear he was in a serious condition, and should have had medical attendance. On Wednesday morning he was so much drunker than on Tuesday morning that a doctor was summoned. He found the man on the verge of collapse. At least he was removed to the hospital, where he remained under care until he died. The evidence of his friends flatly contradicted that of the police. The evidence of both could not be true.

"There is no need of epithets, nor of denunciation, nor for strong language, but there is need of efficient reason in the treatment of unconscious prisoners. Every man brought to the cells in that condition should be medically examined and reported upon. Morning and evening a doctor should visit the cells.

"For the love of humanity let Winnipeg be spared a repetition of this disgrace.

"It is the duty of Chief McRae, under whose administration the police system is carried out, to reassure the people of the city that his system will be so altered that henceforth it will be impossible for a sick man to die like a dog in the police cells of Winnipeg."

LANDED FROM WRECK.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 16.—Captain Roberts and the crew of the wrecked Thomson liner Kildona, arrived this morning on the steamer Louisburg. The captain and officers will not talk as to the cause of the accident, which appears to be a mystery, as the weather was fine when the vessel struck and the sea not high.

TIMBER SCANDAL REVIVED.

Union Trust Company Takes Action to Recover $55,000 From G. W. Fowler and Others.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17.—The B. C. Timber and Mills deal, which figured so prominently before the royal commission on insurance, came into the courts again to-day. The Union Trust Company notified G. W. Fowler, M.P., and others directly interested in the deal, that the company was about to institute proceedings to recover $55,000 that had been received by defendants for the use plaintiffs, and the interest thereon, and for accounting in alternative for damages for the same amount for conspiracy to defraud.

At the royal insurance commission inquiry it was stated that Peter Ryan sold to G. W. Fowler for $170,000 timber and other property included in the transaction. When the transfer of property was being arranged for, it was said that G. W. Fowler asked that the amount be made $225,000 as a bona fide price paid for the property which was being secured for a union trust. It appeared to the Trust Company from the evidence given before the royal commission, that the company had to pay $55,000 more than the property actually cost, and this amount it now seeks to recover from Mr. Fowler and his associates.

CONSIDERED EXPRESS RATES.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—After concluding the consideration of General Express rates, the Railway Commission has adjourned until after the New Year, when special rates will be discussed. These companies had argued that the commission had a right to go into general rates only, and had contemplated sending a test case to the supreme court for judgment, but counsel finally decided against this course as being premature. The commission will, therefore, sit again in Montreal probably in the early part of February.

SULTAN'S JEWELS PAWNED.

Morocco's Ruler in Need of Money Raises $250,000 in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Experts having made a report as to the value of the jewels belonging to Abdul Aziz, the Sultan of Morocco, which agents brought here for the purpose of raising a loan, the officials of the Mont de Piete have paid over $250,000 to the Sultan's representatives.

KING LEOPOLD INJURED.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—It is rumored here that King Leopold received a severe burn on the leg while undergoing a heat bath treatment in Paris recently. The King's private physician has been summoned to that city.

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REEVE OLIVER TO BE A CANDITATE

He Has Announced He Will Again Offer Himself in Oak Bay.

The by-laws for the purchase of the Oak Bay water frontage, and municipal building site, as well as for the necessary money to build the hall, were reconsidered and finally passed at a special meeting of the council held in the office of the clerk yesterday morning. The deed for the other half interest in the waterfront was handed in to the council by Reeve Oliver as promised.

Arrangements were made by the council for the election and, if possible, to secure a more central polling booth than a school house. Several local improvement by-laws were reconsidered and finally passed.

At the opening of the meeting Reeve Oliver announced that he had changed his mind about running again for the position of reeve. He had been asked by a large number of people, and a largely signed petition had been presented to him asking him to run again, so he had decided to again offer his services.

Albert F. Griffiths, chartered accountant of Victoria, was appointed auditor.

At committee meetings held just previous to the council meeting the finance committee passed accounts aggregating $762.70. The roads, sewers and bridges committee decided to accept the offer of the Victoria Motor Club to donate "Go Slow" and "Keep to the Left" signs, and the council will provide for their being put up in suitable places throughout the municipality.

There seems to be general satisfaction both in the city and among the councillors and throughout the municipality at the action of the reeve in consenting to run again, and there is a general feeling that he will be re-elected. This has been a trying year. All the work had to be organized and the council were continually on new ground. The success that has been attained in the various branches of work is due to a considerable degree to the diplomatic conduct of the chairman, although of course the support given him by the members of the council must not be left out of the count.

The inauguration of the local improvement plan of doing the work has resulted in the opening up of a good deal of property and the building up of the district such as could not have been attained under any other plan. Next year the new school will have to be considered, as well as the erection of the municipal hall, which has already been provided for. The general advancement of the district depends to so large an extent on the work of the reeve and council that it would certainly seem to be a wise move on the part of the people to re-elect those who have proven themselves to have been a capable lot of business men.

HINDU ANNOYED.

Boys on Douglas Street Guilty of Rowdy Acts.

G. D. Kumar, the Hindu religious worker, complains that he is continually being annoyed by boys throwing stones at his door on Douglas street, and on one occasion they broke a window. While there may be many who object to the presence of Hindu laborers in this country, it is manifestly unfair and un-British to assault them, and more especially a man whose work is purely of a missionary character, and who entertains the most harmless sentiments towards all living creatures. If this man should some day catch one of the mischievous lads and give him the thrashing he deserves the probability is that there would be an outcry against the Hindus which would be wholly without justification.

Although many of the Hindus do not want the British in India if any of the British people should be molested in the way spoken of there would undoubtedly be a row.

NEARING CLOSE OF THE CASE

COUNSEL ARE NOW ADDRESSING COURT

The Plaintiff's Side in the Settlers' Rights Suit Has Been Presented

The Settlers' Rights case, now on in the Supreme court was continued this morning.

Joseph Hunter, C. E., was called for the plaintiff. He produced a plan of the Fiddick property involved in the case, made by him. He said he had found the ruins of three cabins on the property, and evidence of some clearing around the cabins and in the swamp nearby. He classed about fifteen per cent of the land as being susceptible of cultivation. There were coal measures on the property.

E. D. Bodwell, K. C., then presented his argument for the railway company. He contended that his clients held a patent to the lands registered in 1887 and that the subsequent grant of these lands to another party was an act of confiscation. It was the agricultural settler whom the legislature aimed to protect in the general scheme of the land laws. Where a man entered upon land as a bona fide agriculturalist it was conceded that he incidentally acquired the timber and coal which lay upon it. But an occupation of land for anything but agricultural purposes was a fraud upon the statute. In all the legislation on the subject it was made sufficiently clear that it was intended to protect the agricultural settler. He contended that the character of the Grandam property was such that it could not be taken up for agricultural purposes, and that the acquisition of the coal was the real purpose of his settlement on the land, and not the land itself. He construed the evidence that Grandam had made no essay toward agricultural enterprise; that there was not enough good land to warrant the supposition that he expected to make a living on the place; that as a matter of fact he did not make a living on the place, and therefor was not a settler within the meaning of the act. He contended that under the Settlers' Rights Act title was only given, by occupation, to so much land as was actually occupied, and did not convey the whole acreage originally staked out. According to this interpretation Grandam was entitled, not to 160 acres but only to that part itself which he had actually cleared or improved, namely about three acres. The act provided that application for a crown grant must be accompanied by reasonable proof of a bona fide intention of living on the land, and such reasonable proof, he argued, had not been offered.

The chief justice remarked that the application was made to the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council and not to the chief commissioner of lands and works. He suggested that it was for the government to determine whether the proof offered was reasonable or not, and that it was not a question for the courts to decide.

Mr. Bodwell argued that the legislature was the supreme authority and that the government was bound by a reasonable interpretation of the statute, and had no right to read the act beyond its rational meaning. Mr. Bodwell concluded his argument by reviewing the contentions he had set up, chief of which was that the act in giving title to land held by occupation confined the grant to the land actually occupied; that Grandam had only occupied two or three acres and that he had never shown a bona fide intention to become a settler within the meaning of the law.

A. P. Luxton, K. C., also addressed the court briefly.

This afternoon L. G. McPhillips, K. C. will present his argument for the defence.

TIMBERMEN WILL MEET TO-MORROW

All Those Interested Are Requested to Attend Gathering in A. O. U. W. Hall.

The adjourned inaugural meeting of the projected branch exchange of the British Columbia Forestry and Timber Chamber of Commerce will be held in the A.O.U.W. hall to-morrow evening. Dr. Judson Clark, the secretary of the parent body in Vancouver, will again be present to assist in the work of organization and the local branch will be set running.

As the members trust to be able to effect some changes in existing legislation at the approaching session of the provincial legislature, no time will be lost in getting to work. At the present time the officers of the parent body are busy organizing those interested in timber licenses in the northern portion of the province, and it is hoped that by the time the legislature assembles the exchange will have over 2,000 members.

The first effort of the association will be to have the length of time for the renewal of timber licenses extended.

ENTRANCE EXAMS.

Candidates Will Commence the Written Tests To-Morrow Morning at the High School.

The Christmas examination for entrance to the High school will be held this week, commencing to-morrow morning in the High school building at 9.30. The following is the time table:

Wednesday—British history, 9.30 to 10.30; nature lessons, 10.30 to 11.30; English literature, 1 to 2.30; reading, 2.30 to 4.

Thursday—Arithmetic, 9.30 to 11.30; dictation and spelling, 11.30 to 12.30; grammar and composition, 1.30 to 3.30.

Friday—Drawing, 9.30 to 12 noon; geography, 1 to 2.30; Canadian history, 2.30 to 3.45.

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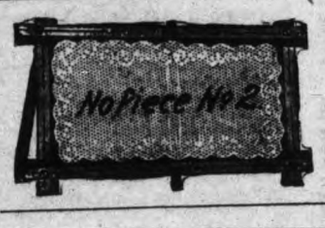

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MACKENZIE KING IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—The deputy minister of labor, Mackenzie King, is in the city, coming from the Pacific coast. He believes the commission of inquiry into the Oriental labor question has got to the bottom of things.

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

All Renewals Granted and Application for Transfer of Howard's Hotel.

J. R. Saunders and James Phair were the only two license commissioners of the Esquimalt district who attended the meeting held yesterday in the office of the provincial police. All of the old licenses were renewed and the application was granted of the transfer of the license of Howard's hotel from Victor Howard to Joseph Ball. The following is the list of renewals which were granted:

John Day, Esquimalt hotel, Esquimalt; Mrs. F. Stetson, Ship hotel, Esquimalt; George Stokes, Ship Inn, Esquimalt road; Hugh Simpson, Coach and Horses, Esquimalt road; Alex. Simpson, Halfway House, Esquimalt road; Mrs. E. Marshall, Gorge hotel, The Gorge; Mrs. M. Gouge, Four Mile House, Colwood road; Price Bros., Parson's Bridge hotel, Parson's Bridge; D. Campbell, Colwood hotel, Colwood road; L. O. Demers, Oak Dell house, Colwood; John Irving, Goldstream hotel, Goldstream; Aaron Gent, Bay View hotel, Sooke road; Mrs. J. Wark, Strathcona hotel, Shawnigan Lake; Jesse J. Jackson, San Juan hotel, Port Renfrew.

DIED.

BLANCHARD—At residence, Craigflower road, on the 16th inst., H. S. Blanchard, a native of Devonshire, England aged 44 years.

Funeral will take place from residence as above, on Wednesday, Dec. 18th., at 2.30 p. m. Friends please accept this intimation.

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Respectfully yours,
LEWIS HALL.

Ancient Order Foresters FUNERAL NOTICE

Members of Court Northern Light A. O. F. are requested to meet at K. of P. hall on Wednesday, the 18th at 3 p. m., to attend the funeral of the late Bro. S. Blanchard. Members of sister courts are invited to attend.

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FUSHIMI WRECK CHARGE.

Regina, Dec. 16.—Engineer George Hinchey was to-day committed on the charge of manslaughter arising out of the Fushimi wreck in October. He immediately went before one of the judges and was released on bail.

PLEA FOR REASON IN LABOR ARENA

THEME DISCUSSED AT NEW YORK BANQUET

Representatives From Many Branches of Human Endeavor Attend Civic Federation Session

New York, Dec. 16.—Peaceful relations between labor and capital was the theme to-night at the eighth annual banquet of the National Civic Federation, whose members, comprising widely known financiers, employers, labor leaders, publicists and other prominent citizens, gathered in conference here to-day to discuss remedies and legislation for various questions now affecting the body politic.

Leaders of labor and finance, mingled with representatives from all branches of human endeavor, to the number of seven hundred, sat down together at the Federation banquet to-night, at which George W. Perkins, the banker, General Frederick Grant and John Mitchell, president of the Mine Workers, spoke. M. E. Ingalls, of Cincinnati, acted as toastmaster.

General Grant, speaking for the army canteen, said that while he himself was a total abstainer, he regarded the canteen as the lessor of two evils, and unless the government closed vicious resorts near the military reservations he would be an advocate of the canteen in the army.

John Mitchell, the labor leader, in a speech said, in part: "So far as I have been able to control the affairs of my organization it has been toward the cause of peace. Happy would be the day if strikes, lockouts and attendant evils were no more. I am not sure that the time will come in our lives, but is it not better that we sit down and reason it out and see if reason cannot take the place of force?"

Mr. Perkins discussed in detail the profit-sharing plan of the Steel Corporation.

August Belmont, the president of the Civic Federation, who unexpectedly returned from Chicago, was able to be present at the dinner and called the big gathering to order before he introduced Mr. Ingalls as toastmaster.

President Eliot, of Harvard University, said that individuals could not, but the federal government must, control the vast commercial associations which seek each a monopoly. In commercial associations he meant both trusts and labor unions.

Samuel Gompers, who followed, took exception to President Eliot's classification of union laboring men as a commercial organization. He thought that the term, so far as labor was concerned, was misapplied. Mr. Gompers declared that the workingman realized that the financial situation is not any fault of his. Speaking of the threatened decrease of wages for labor, he said: "Twenty times in the last 12 hours since I have been in New York men have come to me and whispered in my ear and told me that the workingmen must come down in wages, but let the employers of labor remember that if they attempt to cut down the wages of labor they will not have the easy sailing they had years ago."

John Mitchell to-night said he would resign from the presidency of the United Mine Works next March. His successor, he said, had already been decided upon, but his name was withheld.

ON CORONATION DAY.

Calgary Canadian Club Decides on New Dates to Fly Its Flag.

Calagry, Dec. 16.—At a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club it was decided to add two dates to the list of those on which the club's flag will be flown, coronation day, August 9th, and the anniversary of the battle of Paardeberg, February 17th. The latter is recommended for 1908 only. The president, Dr. McKae, named a committee for the marking of places of historical interest with brass tablets.

SHORTAGE $85,000.

Treasurer of Quebec Central Railway Sentenced to Five Years in Penitentiary.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 16.—A. H. Anderson, treasurer of the Quebec Central railway, who last week admitted a shortage of $85,000 in his accounts, and asked for a speedy trial, has been sent for five years to the penitentiary. There were numerous petitions for lenience to the judge.

WILL CONTEST CENTRE YORK.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Capt. T. G. Wallace, Conservative, and Dr. McLean, Liberal, were nominated for Centre York this afternoon for the vacancy in the Commons caused by the appointment of H. Campbell to the senate.

AGED CIVIL SERVANT'S DEATH.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Thos. Bailey, one of the oldest civil servants, died this morning practically of old age. He was eighty years old and had been for the last 26 years in the government service. He was formerly a member of the Toronto police force.

ROSEDALE LAST OUT.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 16.—The steamer Rosedale, with grain from Fort William for James Richardson & Sons, arrived here this morning. This is the last for the season. The Rosedale will probably lay up at Hamilton.

PRINCE ALBERT BYE-ELECTION

Regina, Dec. 16.—Owing to the serious injury to Judge Johnson, which necessitates his confinement to the hospital, the election court set for Prince Albert to-morrow will have to be postponed. It was to count the disputed ballots.

TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS MORE

Estimate of This Year's Crop Over Last Year by C. P. R. Land Commissioner.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17. — F. T. Griffin, C. P. R. land commissioner, has wired the Montreal offices of the company that from exhaustive reports just received from the west, and made up by the railway and milling people, he found the crops of 1907 was valued at $20,000,000 more than that of 1906.

NELSON POWER CRUX.

City Wants to Hand Back Light Plant After Using It For a Year.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 16.—The city council and the Allis-Chalmers-Bullock Company, of Montreal, have locked horns over the machinery supplied by the company for the civic power and light plant at Bonnington Falls. The machinery has been in operation for nearly a year under an understanding between the council and the company, the city not having formally taken over the plant and holding back some $14,000 due the company on its contract. The city declares the machinery is not up to contract, refuses payment of the balance and declines to accept the plant. The company ask for a forty-day shutdown to inspect the plant, the city declines to agree, and there the matter rests. In case of trouble the Kootenay Power and Light Company will furnish Nelson with light and power temporarily.

CHARGES AGAINST COUNCIL.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—The municipal campaign in St. Boniface is drawing to an interesting close. J. A. Bleu, candidate for mayor, has issued a circular to the electors, in which he makes a strong charge of irregularities in the administration of civic affairs during the past year and offers to back up his statements with proofs.

BEAUY AND HEALTH IN FRUIT JUICES.

Apple juice acts directly on the liver, increasing the flow of bile, and this bile, entering the intestines, causes the bowels to move regularly.

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PROBING CRISIS AT GOLDFIELD

Roosevelt Commission at Work--Western Federation Described as Treasonable Organization

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 16.—The Roosevelt commission to-day began its investigation of the labor troubles in Goldfield.

An increased force was at work in the mines to-day. The Consolidated mills operators say most of the new men are former members of the Western Federation of Miners. Thirty men to take the places of the striking miners arrived to-day from California. There was no demonstration incident to the arrival of the new men.

The Goldfield Mine Owners' Association to-day submitted a statement to the commission declaring that the Western Federation of Miners is not a labor organization, but a combination in restraint of trade and a treasonable organization.

LIBERALS ALL.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—In to-day's election for the provincial legislature in Chateauguay county, G. Mercier, the government candidate, was elected, receiving 702 votes to 659 cast for Laberge and 136 for Dr. Poissant. All three are Liberals.

THE SUICIDE SEASON.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 16. — W. Swinton, aged 40 years, attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver. A charge of stealing goods from railway freight sheds was hanging over him. He is recovering.

CANADIAN ARTIST.

His Potrait of British Prime Minister Presented to National Liberal Club in London.

The portrait of the prime minister which has been painted by J. Colin Forbes, R. C. A., was presented to the National Liberal Club by Alexander Ritchie, and accepted on behalf of the members by Earl Carrington, president of the club. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, of whom the artist has obtained an excellent likeness, is represented standing at a table in the banqueting room of 10, Downing street, with two fingers of the right hand resting lightly on a parliamentary paper.

The presentation took place in the smoking room of the club, which was crowded with members. Mr. Ritchie, who was greeted with much cordiality, unveiled the portrait, and asked Lord Carrington's acceptance of it as the picture of "one of the most genial, kindly and good-natured men who ever adorned the House of Commons, and one of the most worthy and popular prime ministers this country had ever seen."

Lord Carrington said it was with great pride and pleasure that he accepted, in the name of the members of the club, this magnificent picture of their great leader. He had not seen the picture until the moment of its unveiling, but he thought it would be agreed that it was a splendid portrait—worthy of the man, of the artist and of the club in which it would hang, he hoped, for ever. It was also a worthy addition to the portraits of the distinguished Liberal statesmen which already adorned the walls of the club—those of Gladstone, Bright, Cobden, Granville and Harcourt. He agreed with Mr. Ritchie, the generous donor of the picture, that no more worthy or popular prime minister than Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had ever served his King or country. He would go a little further and say that, though many of his predecessors had inspired as much public confidence as Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, none of them had inspired the same personal affection. In Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman they had a representative of the highest and best type of British statesman and one of the finest examples of the true Scottish gentleman. Long might he live to lead them, and long might the party remain united and determined to keep him in his great office. Mr. Buxton Morrish, chairman of the art committee of the club, conveyed to Mr. Ritchie the thanks of the members for his generous gift, and complimented Colin Forbes on his successful achievement.

Louisville, the Kentucky centre, though not so well known as Richmond, the Virginia centre, is the largest tobacco market in the world.

NEW TURN IN DRUCE DRAMA

MOCK FUNERAL WITNESS TO BE ARRESTED

Counsel for Defence Denounces Robert C. Caldwell as a "Most Noxious Perjurer."

London, Dec. 16.—The dramatic disappearance from London of Robert C. Caldwell, the American witness in the Druce case, served to revive interest in the proceedings, and when the hearing was resumed to-day the courtroom was crowded.

Replying to Magistrate Plowden, Mr. Jones declared to-day that he regarded the testimony of Caldwell as having been discredited on certain points, and that therefore all his evidence should be obliterated. He intimated his belief that Horace Avery, counsel for the defence, had established his contention that Caldwell and his alleged brother were the same person.

Mr. Avery, in opening for the defence, denounced Caldwell as a "most noxious perjurer." A warrant for the extradition of Caldwell was issued at the Bow street police court this afternoon, and the police of New York were wired to arrest him on arrival in that city.

Mr. Avery announced that if necessary in the interest of justice, Herbert Druce would consent to the reopening of the grave of his father, T. C. Druce.

The only witness for the defence called to-day was a nurse named Bailey, who testified that she had held the hand of T. C. Druce when he died on December 28, 1864, that she had seen the body placed in its coffin and that she had been present at the funeral.

The evidence given at previous trials by two doctors, who have since died, was then read. Both physicians had sworn that they attended T. C. Druce in his last illness.

The case was adjourned until January 1st.

LAKE SUPERIOR CORPORATION.

New York, Dec. 16.—The hearing of the action brought by Charles E. Orvis and John T. Terry, jr., of New York, in behalf of the City Improvement Company, to restrain certain stockholders of the Lake Superior Corporation from voting on their stock, was begun before Vice-Chancellor Garrison in Jersey City to-day, and adjourned until next Monday, to permit counsel to prepare papers. New York and Philadelphia bankers form the greatest number of the Lake Superior Corporation stockholders in this country.

AUSTRALIAN TARIFF.

Changes Which Will Effect Dominion's Trade With Antipodes.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Mr. Ross, Canada's trade commissioner at Melbourne, telegraphs that the folowing changes have been made in the Australian general tariff: News paper, free; wall paper, 20 per cent; bicycles, 30 per cent.; motor cars, 35 per cent.; vehicles, 35 per cent.; harvesters, £12 sterling; strippers, £6; pianos, 30 per cent.; organs, 20 per cent.

SASKATOON ON C. P. R.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 16.—The city is now connected with the C. P. R., the first train having arrived last night from the east over the Pleasant Hills branch. A party of officials are now on the way to Saskatoon and are expected to-morrow. There is general rejoicing on the part of the citizens, who have been without the C. P. R. one year.

FAMOUS SURGEON IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Dr. Charles McBurney, of New York, one of the greatest surgeons in the American metropolis, and the physician who attended the late President McKinley before his death, is here. Dr. McBurney is returning from a tour throughout Western Canada and will leave the city this evening.

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Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 16.—Edward Brown, 24 years of age, of Corunna, attempted to take off his overcoat in a rowboat while crossing the St. Clair river, below Port Huron, and was thrown into the river and drowned.

E. & N. RAILWAY BILL.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Bill was read a second time in the House to-day; also the bill to incorporate the Bank of Vancouver.

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THINGS WHICH MUST BE EXPLAINED.

The Colonist this morning works hard on its Study of the political situation, putting on the canvas various phases of the law and the constitution, but still the picture remains in its incomplete state. However, we have a promise that when all the facts are made clear the Study may be completed and raised to the rank of a Work.

Still there must be a lingering suspicion in the mind of the public that if our contemporary were so minded it could take the issue out of a cloud of words and meaningless sentences and hold it up to view in a clear and perfect light. There are certain facts it perversely refuses to consider at all—facts brought out by the commission presided over by Mr. Mackenzie King, and other no less indisputable facts which were known before the Commissioner held sessions of his court in Vancouver.

For example, it is argued that the Lieut.-Governor in withholding his assent from the Bowser Bill merely anticipated certain action by the Governor-General in Council at Ottawa and that if the government at Ottawa were not opposed to the bill it might have brought it into effect within the time specified by constitutional practice. But what would have been the use of bringing into effect a bill which could not have affected in one way or another the immigration of Orientals? Either through accident or design, the Bowser Bill declared the immigration of persons who could not write a sentence in one of the languages of Europe to be lawful. Would it not have been a farce to give assent to such a measure? The government at Victoria has made a practice of lending itself to what may be termed "hocus-pocus" proceedings, in the evident belief that generally the public is lacking in common sense and cannot understand when an attempt is being made to pull the wool over its eyes. The government at Ottawa does not proceed about its business upon any such principle. It has some regard alike for the intelligence of the people and for the dignity of its office.

It is not the fate of the Bowser Bill that is exciting comment not only in British Columbia but in Canada at large just now. It is the principle involved and the connection of the corporation which holds the McBride government in the hollow of its hand and of the Lieut.-Governor in his private capacity with the bill that is of public importance.

The fact has been clearly established on evidence that the corporation in question and the Wellington Colliery Company had entered into contracts with immigration companies for a large supply of Oriental labor. The provincial government, through its legal representative, appointed ostensibly to assist the commissioner in his labors, endeavored vainly to connect the Grand Trunk Pacific Company with the immigration companies also, with but indifferent success. If Charles Wilson, K. C., tried to bring out any of the facts bearing upon the contracts of the C. P. R. and the Wellington Colliery Company with the Nippon-Canadian Immigration Company the records of the court fail to make the fact of his efforts clear. But there is both documentary and oral evidence of the fact that the C. P. R. Company and the Wellington Colliery Company had entered into contracts which accounted for the extraordinary, and for a considerable time unaccountable, influx of Orientals into this province. The representatives of these companies knew that they were morally, if not actually, conniving at a breach of the statute laws of the Dominion and at a contravention of the understanding with the government of Japan. There is a suspicion almost amounting to a conviction that the provincial government was thoroughly aware of the intentions and the secretly carried out purposes of these companies and was therefore merely posing, or "playing the game of politics," as Mr. Bowser would say, when the so-called Natal Act of that gentleman was submitted to the Legislature. If the Lieut.-Governor had assented to the measure, there was a defect in it which deprived it of all vitality.

In commenting upon these developments the Times has not called for the resignation of Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir. It has drawn attention to facts which are of supreme moment and is content to refrain from making any demands until the parties concerned have had opportunities to state their side of the case.

THE MAYORALTY.

Ald. Lewis Hall has kicked off the municipal ball by definitely announcing his candidature for the mayoralty. That there will be at least one other candidate for the position of chief magistrate of the city there is no manner of doubt. There is an unwritten law in connection with municipal affairs in all cities of importance, a law not always honored in the observance, that candidates for the mayoralty should qualify for the honorable post by serving an apprenticeship in some minor municipal position, preferrably in the council. Ald. Hall has undergone a long period of probationship. He has served on the school board for a number of terms and he sat in the council for some years. If experience is of any value in fitting a candidate to discharge the duties of Mayor with an intelligent regard for the requirements of our present position and future prospects, Ald. Hall's candidature ought to meet with acceptance. He has always advocated a progressive policy in regard to water works extension and the improvement of streets, two of the questions which will be most active in municipal circles during the coming year. As a private citizen his character is absolutely without reproach. If elected there is no question that in any issue which might arise affecting the city his influence would be exerted in favor of a clean, honest and honorable administration of municipal affairs.

EXPORT OF WOOD PULP.

The remarks of President Roosevelt on the wood pulp question have elicited a good deal of comment in the East, as might be expected, and considering that the East is the point which is as yet vitally interested in the matter. The Toronto Star probably voices the sentiments of the people with a good deal of accuracy in the following: President Roosevelt says: "There should be no tariff on any forest product grown in this country; and, in especial, there should be no tariff on wood pulp; due notice of the change being of course given to those engaged in the business so as to enable them to adjust themselves to the new conditions. The repeal of the duty on wood pulp should, if possible, be accompanied by an agreement with Canada that there shall be no export duty on Canadian pulpwood." If President Roosevelt wants to make sure that there will be no Canadian export duty on pulp he should advocate the removal of the duty on paper. It is altogether likely that the Canadian government would agree to an arrangement for free paper and free pulp; whether it would make an arrangement covering pulpwood alone is more doubtful. There was a time when the free admission of pulp into the United States would have been hailed as a great advantage, and it would be regarded as of some value to-day. But the industrial ambitions of Canada have grown; and there is also an increased appreciation of the value of our timber supply. We no longer desire to export logs, and the time may come when there will be opposition to exporting half-manufactured products of timber.

The Czar of Russia has gone through the motions of granting his people a constitution. His Majesty's constitution, however, is not a thing to take liberties with. A considerable number of members of the late douma have been sentenced to various terms of hard labor in prisons in the most unattractive regions of that far from attractive country generally because they had the temerity to exercise what they considered to be privileges under their master's constitution. If the Czar and his advisers believe they can suppress the popular clamor for self-government and the liberty which usually goes with self-government by such measures they will find out their mistake one of these fine days. And they will also realize what a costly mistake they have made. People accustomed to popular institutions and the self-restraint which invariably accompanies such conditions were generally inclined to condemn the methods by which Russians conducted their propaganda. The latest action of the court which is evidently the creature of the Czar is likely to engender the belief that the Russian anarchists are not so much to blame after all. In a country where such injustice is possible a revolution is due, and the revolutionaries will receive sympathy when ordinarily their methods would excite nothing but reprobation.

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Prince Rupert Empire: As the Empire predicted last week, cunning won against brains in the Conservative provincial convention held at Vancouver on November 22nd. Robert Francis Green, of Kaslo, who was forced to resign as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works in the McBride government because of statements made to Premier McBride and his colleagues by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, President of the Provincial Conservative Association, was elected as chief of the executive council of the party at the Vancouver convention. Now if Premier McBride asked Robert Francis Green, of Kaslo, for his resignation as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for good and sufficient reasons, has not the Conservative party—the party of purity—stultified itself byg placing Robert Francis Green, of Kalso, at the head of its executive council? If Premier McBride demanded Mr. Green's resignation merely as an act of political expediency to save his own government from defeat, has he not done Robert Francis Green a great wrong to allow his reputation to remain tarnished with the charge that he was forced out of his, McBride's, government because of unfaithfulness to a public trust?

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It is absolutely useless to attempt to involve "Ottawa" in the immigration scandal. The facts are quite plain to anyone who cares to consider them impartially. The Bowser Bill, although an impotent measure was disallowed by the Lieutenant-Governor with the consent of the Premier. The Wellington Colliery Company, of which the Lieutenant-Governor is president, was "pumping in" Asiatic workers with all possible dispatch against the day when exclusion was bound to become effective, notwithstanding the wiles of tricky provincial politicians. The C. P. R. was actively engaged in a scheme similar to that of the Wellington Colliery Company. We must decline to believe that the Lieutenant-Governor, in view of the delicacy of his position, refused his assent to the Bowser Bill except under the advice of the Premier. No sophistries in regard to the Lieutenant-Governor's knowledge of the sentiment of the government at Ottawa can obscure the facts. The government at Ottawa gave no advice to the Lieutenant-Governor on the matter. If the Lieutenant-Governor had desired speedy action by the Governor-General in Council, his object would have been most quickly attained by assenting to the bill and permitting it to come before the Dominion government in the regular course. That is the situation. It will remain the situation until the mouths of some in authority are opened and the facts frankly stated.

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There is no question that temperance sentiment is spreading on this continent to which we belong. Tea, as the cup that cheers without causing inebriation, is all very well under certain conditions, but at this festive season of the year, and especially in British Columbia, where the people are eminently kindly and sociable in disposition, tea does not completely satisfy the hospitably inclined. It is very interesting to learn, on the authority of no less a person than Mr. W. T. Stead, an eminent temperance man, that at last a beverage has been discovered which is absolutely free from the taint of aclohol. "Wine at last for temperance folk," the friend of the Czar and the editor of the Review of Reviews says. It is called "Mas de la Ville," and, being made in France, will come into Canada under the terms of the new Canadian convention with that country under preferential duties. In these latter days, and at this season, there is absolutely no excuse for any man yielding to the temptation which doth so insidiously beset the unwary.

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It is manifest now that the United States is undertaking the duty long devolving upon Britain on the waves. She is not bent on aggression, but she is going to preserve the "balance of power" on this side of the sphere. This great balancing act is about the biggest thing we have in earthly manipulatios.

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It is a great thing to have the reputation of being a "smooth politician," until an attempt is made to overwork the smooth business and someone gets caught. Then there is a great cry for someone to give bail, prove justification, provocation, an alibi—any old thing to escape well-deserved chastisement.

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With the departure of the United States battleships from the Atlantic the republic has executed a "right-about-turn." In a naval and military sense the Pacific coast is now the "front."

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The immigration figures of the United States are stupendous. The latest report for twelve months places the figures at 1,285,389. Austria-Hungary supplies nearly one-third.

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The people of Oak Bay are fortunate. The worthy Reeve, one of the few men in municipal life in Canada or on the continent who gives his services to his fellow-citizens without money and without price, has consented to serve them for another term. Mr. Oliver does not regard his post as a sinecure either. He devotes a great deal of time, much energy and conspicuous ability to his duties. And what is true of the Reeve may be said of all the members of the Oak Bay Council. They are determined not only that Oak Bay district shall be well governed, but that it shall be progressively governed. The council of this growing suburb has set a fine example to the city council of Victoria in the matter of municipal government, and the parent body ought not to be too high and might to profit by it.

What Other People Think

RATS, PANTHERS AND GARBAGE.

To the Editor.—I see the Vancouver city council have been proposing a scheme not very practicable to keep infected rats out of the city. I do not write to recommend any scheme, but it may interest them to know what is done elsewhere. In the Old Country and in Eastern Canada rat catching is a trade. I do not know whether they have a rat catchers' union, but if you employ one, he charges more per head than the city allows in Victoria. I remember a good story of a vicar who, after he had engaged the rat catcher at a price, when he saw the number of live rats he went back on his bargain because the vicar had been told that the rat catcher could get six cents a piece for the live rats. They are sold for training terrier dogs in rat pits. The rat catcher was indignant and opening his wire cage he let them all out in the vicar's hall with the remark: "You may keep your rats."

In Manchester, England, it is a rule of the port that all ships that come up the canal have to pay for rat catching when they arrive—and in this way thousands of rats are killed every year. Could we do this in British Columiba.

Then, as to panthers, I rather think the brute that did the damage, by killing two prize rams two days after my friend got them home from Victoria fair was killed a few days ago. But these were not the only losses my friend had. Do we offer sufficient to make it worth while to exterminate these destructive brutes in our neighborhood? I should like to see the price raised for both rats and panthers.

As to the disposal of garbage very few towns have the facilities which the sea offers. Could anything be better?

The Mayor proposed another scheme, but the citizens rejected it. Where was Ald. Vincent that he did not point out that it required two old tubs of boats? I am not surprised that this did not strike the Mayor. But Ald. Vincent knows about boats.

"F."

Victoria, December 12th, 1907.

SHIPMENT OF SLOCAN ZINC TO EUROPE.

To the Editor:—From this morning's Colonist I quote the following editorial note:

"A noteworthy incident in the progress of the mining industry in British Columbia occurred on Saturday last at Nelson, when arrangements were made at the custom house for the shipment of 900 tons of zinc ore from a property in the Slocan district to Antwerp, the first consignment of the kind from that section to Europe."

While it may be a fact that the shipment of zinc ore alluded to above is the first from the Silverton or Four-Mile Creek section of the Slocan, it is by no means the first from the Slocan district that has been sent to Europe. In 1899 an experimental shipment of 1,800 tons of zinc blende was made from the Lucky Jim mine to England; in 1904 zinc concentrate from the Payne mine was shipped to Antwerp; and in 1906 the Kootenay Ore Company, of Kaslo, shipped 500 tons to Antwerp. There may have been other shipments to Europe, but they do not just now occur to me. There certainly would have been much more of this mineral produced so disposed of had there been a sufficient profit to the shippers to induce frequent shipments, but the excessive cost in freight and other charges, and difficulties regarding place of delivery on the Atlantic coast, have shown some shippers that loss rather than gain may generally be looked for. It is to be hoped that a less unsatisfactory result will be the experience of those making the shipment mentioned by the Colonist.

E. JACOBS,
Editor B. C. Mining Record.

Victoria, B. C., December 17th, 1907.

NEW YORK PRICES SHOWED DECLINE

London Quotations Had Slight Influence on Wall Street This Morning.

New York, Dec. 17.—The stock market opened heavy, the following prices ruling: Amalgamated Copper 43 7-8; Amal. Smelting, 68 1-4; Anaconda, 26 7-8; Brooklyn Trans., 38 3-8; Great Nor. pfd., 115; N. Pac., 49 1-8; Mo. K. & T., 24 3-4; N. Y. C., 93 1-4; Nor. Pac., 114 1-4; Penna., 111 1-8; Reading, 89 1-4; St. Paul, 101 1-2; Sugar, 95 1-2; Southern Pac., 71 1-4; U. P., 114 1-8; U. S. Steel, 251 1-8; U. S. Steel pfd., 36 1-4.

On Wall Street.

New York, Dec. 17.—Wall street—The price of stocks were inclined to sag in the opening dealings, the quotations in London having but a slight influence. Reading declined 1 1-4, Amalgamated Copper and American Smelting 1 1-8, American Sugar and MacKay companies 1, and N. Y. C. 3-4.

WON LIBEL ACTION.

Edmonton, Dec. 17.—Yesterday F. Good, a hotelkeeper, was awarded $100 and costs for damages against the Journal Printing Company. Good sued for $1,000 damages in connection with a libel article published in the Journal last January. The facts of the case as brought out appeared to be that Bernice Palmer had created a disturbance at the Imperial hotel and had been arrested by Good and was fined for that offence. The transpostion of the item had resulted from an error on the part of the reporter gathering the information from the chief of police.

December is the most deadly month in the year in London, with March a good second; but January is the most unhealthy in France, and March in Germany.

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—This evening at 8 o'clock the Baxter Hive, L. A. T. M., will hold a meeting in Semple's hall, Victoria West. All members are requested to be present on time.

—Last evening the regular meeting of the Young People's Society of the St. Andrew's church was held. A debate on socialism was the feature of the programme. Mrs. Gleason and Mr. Baxter supported socialism and J. L. White and J. Clearihue spoke against it. The latter were decided to have been the winners.

—The funeral of the late Sarah Edith Lewis took place yesterday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company, where services were conducted by Rev. E. G. Miller at the parlors and graveside. The following acted as pallbearers: A. Sturgess, H. Lewis, F. Guest and A. Newson.

—Last evening the Young People's Society of the Church of Our Lord held a post card album social, which was largely attended and a number of new members were enrolled. The albums shown were most interesting and attracted most of the attention. A prize competition was also held for making the most words by using the letters "cat" at the beginning of each word.

—The Mothers' Club will hold its regular meeting to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in Spring Ridge school, when the subject for discussion will be "The Relation of the State to the Family." As this is the last meeting of the year, it is hoped a large number will attend and suggestions for future work be forthcoming. Strangers and others interested are always welcome.

—Last evening at the regular weekly meeting of the Young People of Calvary Baptist church the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing six months: President, William Dinsmore; vice-president, Miss E. Gilmore; secretary, Neil Whitehead; treasurer, Miss E. Wilson; organist, Miss A. Bishop; reporter, W. Russell. Mrs. W. Marchant and Miss C. Zimmerman were appointed to the executive committee. The programme for the next term will be made up of lessons from the Life of Christ.

—The regular meeting of the Natural History Society, held last evening, was exceedingly well attended, a large number of lady visitors being also present. After the disposal of the usual routine business came the paper of the evening, "Old Time Reminiscences of British Columbia," by Frank Sylvester. This was a continuation of a paper read in November, and the lecturer still further graphically depicted the stirring events and scenes of the early settlement of Victoria, the subject being highly interesting.

—Many Hindus in the city are reported by G. D. Kumar, the religious worker among them, to be in need of aid. The cold weather has led to suffering from coughs and fever. Many of them, he says, are out of work and are not able to get shelter at night. He acknowledges the receipt of $5 and a bottle of jam from Mrs. Blackwood. This, he says, will be utilized for the benefit of the Hindus who are suffering. Mr. Kumar intends to get some quinine and other medicines and distribute them among his countrymen needing treatment. He wishes to thank the public of Victoria who contributed towards the procuring of an artificial limb for the Hindu who lost his leg. Dr. Hasell has assured him the leg will be procured.

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—Owing to the fact that W. C. Moresby, counsel for the owners of the Dallas hotel license, did not appear this morning, the police magistrate reserved judgment in the Sunday liquor selling case until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

—As will be seen in the advertising columns, Williams & Janion will hold a sale of naval stores to-morrow at 11 o'clock at the naval dock yard, Esquimalt. In addition to the usual articles sold at these sales there is a quantity of first class electroplate, some of which has never been used, and is of A1 quality. There are also about 400 cartridge cases, 100 case of tinned meats, rope, etc.

—Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Caroline Dibb, of Esquimalt road, took place from W. B. Smith's undertaking parlors, 35 Yates street, Rev. Mr. Payne, of St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, conducted the services at the parlor and at the grave. There was a large number of friends present and the floral offerings were numerous. The pallbearers were: L. Leigh, J. Manuel, W. H. Clayards and W. B. Smith.

—Three hundred and thirty-two dollars has been cabled to Sir John Kirk, for the Poor Children's Christmas Dinner in London, Eng. The citizens and Sunday schools of Victoria have responded well. A meeting is called for all interested in the movement to meet in the Y. M. C. A. board room to-morrow night at 8 o'clock to effect a permanent organization and elect responsible officers. It is hoped a large number of citizens will attend.

—A well has lately been drilled on Mrs. White's farm at South Saanich, water being found at a depth of about 65 feet. The work has been done by a drilling machine, the property of Perkins & North. For years this farm, like many others, has been suffering from lack of a suitable water supply, but this solves the problem. The windmill is being installed, and within a week or two this farm will have one of the finest water supplies in the country. This is the second well sunk by Perkins & North.

—The First Presbyterian Club spent a most enjoyable evening last night. A short programme was given as follows: Song, Mr. Gordon; song, Miss Harkness; reading, Mr. Fraser; song, Mr. Van Munster. The critic's notes on the meetings of the past month were then read. The mysterious identity of this officer renders his opinions all the more interesting. Song, Miss McLorie; song, Mr. Morrison. The club paper was then read by Editor Van Munster, and afforded quite a lot of entertainment and amusement. The programme was concluded by a song from Mr. Brown. There will be no meeting for the next two weeks.

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THE INCINERATOR BY-LAW APPROVED

It Will be Submitted to the People at the Coming Municipal Election.

At the meeting of the city council last night Mayor Morley brought forward a draft by-law to provide for the establishment of an incinerator in the city.

The Mayor pointed out the inconvenience which had been experienced owing to the lack of any efficient and sanitary method of disposing of garbage, and argued that the coming election offered a good opportunity to place the proposal before the people. He thought the matter should be considered of sufficient urgency to warrant its determination as early as possible.

Ald. Hanna did not see the need for hasty action, and suggested that the by-law stand over until the next meeting of the board.

Ald. Gleason disagreed with the contention for delay. He thought the by-law should be allowed to pass its initial stage as least.

The Mayor expressed surprise that any opposition should develop to the proposal. He asked the building inspector what the expense of the by-law would be, and was informed that it would be about $300, the same as any other by-law. His Worship then added that his faith in the success of the by-law was so great that he was willing to obligate himself for the cost in the event of its being turned down.

Ald. Hanna remarked that the Mayor's generosity probably did not contemplate the possibility of his not being elected next year.

Ald. Henderson approved of the proposal to place the matter before the people at the coming election. The present method of disposing of garbage was unsatisfactory, and the sooner they adopted the modern system the better. He suggested that the question as to the expense of collecting the garbage should be left unsettled in the by-law. The petition which had been presented for the by-law was a sufficient testimony in its favor.

The by-law was finally allowed to pass its first reading. The signatures to the petition for the by-law were as follows: A. E. McPhillips, C. A. Holland, T. D. Galpin, B. M. Holland, estate of G. Johnson, James A. Douglas and John Douglas, per C. A. Holland; Weiler Bros.; F. B. Pemberton, estate of J. B. Joseph, David Spencer, Limited, Robert Porter & Sons, Limited, and F. B. Pemberton for the following owners: Estate of J. J. Southgate, Lord George and Lady Hamilton, E. Mahon, Mrs. L. E. Russel McGowan, estate of Amor De Cosmos, estate of J. D. Pemberton, E. M. Pemberton, Anglican Synod of B. C., estate of B. W. Pearce.

PERSONALS.

A. E. Gunthier, of Port Townsend, is in the city taking treatment from Mr. Olney, the healer, Vernon block.

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John E. Coutts and Walter Nesson, representing the Primrose minstrels, were in the city yesterday.

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Dennis Murphy, who was in the city on legal business, left last night for his home.

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SPORTING NEWS

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

FIFTEEN FOR VICTORIA.

To-morrow J. G. Brown and Ed. White go up to Ladysmith to attend the final meeting of the Vancouver Island Association Football League for the purpose of receiving entries and drawing up a schedule. There have been but five entries made to the secretary as yet. The Fifth Regiment have not actually entered, they simply notified the secretary that they intended to enter. Now it is thought that they will not go any further with it. Had one or two of the other teams not entered, the Regiment would have been able to materially strengthen their team from the other players but practically every team in the city league is interested in the Island League except the Fifth Regiment.

Even with five teams in the senior series it gives Victoria a large number of games. Each Victoria team will play six games in the city which will give 15 matches in all played in Victoria. There will be three Victoria matches played away from home so that this city will get a good deal of the fun. The senior teams that have entered are J. B. A. A., Y. M. C. A., Esquimalt United, Nanaimo and Ladysmith.

For the intermediate there are entries from Victoria West, Y. M. C. A., Ladysmith, one and possibly two teams from Nanaimo. The first mentioned of these are concentrating all their strength on the intermediate series and they seriously expect to win. If reports be true they certainly have a strong team there.

There is so far but one junior entry from Victoria. The North Ward boys will have the honor of representing the city in this series. Under the management of Leonard Tait they are likely to make a good showing. Nanaimo and Ladysmith will each have one team.

In each of these series the winner of the championship will have the honor of crossing to Vancouver and challenging the mainland championship teams. Each team is anxious to have this honor and hence the struggle for the Island mastery will be a keen one.

WILL NOT AMALGAMATE.

A suggestion has been made that the three teams which have entered the Island league from the Victoria district should amalgamate and send up one strong team. This plan does not seem to be meeting with mush favor. The Y. M. C. A. is opposed to it and it can hardly be said to be in the interest of sport to do so. Under the present arrangement there will be fifteen games played in the city, whereas if only one Victoria team enters there will be but three games here.

THE OAR.

HENLEY AND THE BELGIANS.

Much misapprehension apparently exists as regards 1908 aquatic procedure in the Old Country. Based upon this, wild statements have been scattered broadcast just lately, reflecting upon the Henley regatta stewards and others concerned. In effect, they have been accused of Little Englandism in connection with rowing; and, in plain language, of "ultra licitum" action in the matter of foreign entries. Both accusations are founded upon fallacies.

Put tersely, two regattas will be held next year at Henley: The usual royal meeting and that connected with the Olympic games. The latter has rightly received enthusiastic support from amateur clubs all the world over from the first. It is to be the great rowing function of the year. Everything else is to be subsidiary to its programme. Even the Henley regatta stewards agreed in the most sportsmanlike fashion to play second fiddle, for once in a way. To that end, they made it generally known before last year's meeting that foreign entries would be suspended in 1908. Such action has been decried by many, but—even as a matter of expediency—it was imperative. Obviously, it would be impossible for English crews to get themselves thoroughly fit for two such important meetings in the same month. They would be poorly represented at either one regatta or the other, and (a fact evidently not realized by some people) even English oarsmen have to be considered as well as foreigners.

In contrary case, moreover, the probability is foreign eights would enter for the "Grand" as well as the International eight-oared race. In that case, the question of supremacy would be virtually decided before the big function. This, of course, would defeat the very object of the Olympic meeting.

It has been urged that it is unsportsmanlike not to allow the Belgians to defend their "Grand" trophy. But how could the stewards possibly make invidious distinction in their particular case? Suppose they did. Would it not bring about the very result they are partiotically trying to avoid? If the Ghent crew and (say) Leander fought out matters for the "Grand," the Olympic regatta would be shorn of much interest. As a matter of fact, the Belgian crew fully understand the position. They are quite willing to concentrate their attention on the International race. Nor do they desire in any way to pose as aggrieved ones. And especially do they wish to disassociate themselves with the statement that they are forced to return the trophy in question without a contest.

This position is taken up by certain Englishmen who are inclined to the view that best British crews are afraid to meet the Belgians. They forget that the improvement in our neighbors is no proof whatever of our decline. We have certainly, as a writer says in the Pall Mall Gazette, had to see our pupils beat us at Henley for the past two years, which only proves that rowing competition has become enormously keener. It does not mean that (like Pythagoras) English oarsmen will henceforth be content to merely look on at games. We shall win the "Grand" again, and win it often; yet it is only to be expected that we shall be beaten from time to time by our foreign friends and rivals. Even so, we welcome foreign competition. Good not harm, will be done if we are thereby saved from the formalism which threatens all sports enjoying a monopoly of power.

Arising out of this controversy comes an attack upon the Amateur Rowing Association. It has been gravely stated that the Henley stewards have nothing to do with the Olympic games regatta, which, so far, is right enough. The A. R. A. has sole control of that meeting. But I can authoritatively say that both these bodies are perfectly in accord on the subject of the barring of foreign entries next year. No sort of friction has arisen from the first. They have mutually accepted the lesser of two evils—suspending foreign entries, or spoiling the International regatta. A central governing body for boat-racing has also been suggested. It has been urged that had such a body been in existence the awkward position under discussion would have been avoided—but nonsense. Under all circumstances, no other action could possibly have been taken. It is equally true that the Henley regatta stewards alone have jurisdiction at that meeting. De facto, however, that, as well as every other English regatta committee owes allegiance to the A. R. A.

BASKETBALL.

Y. M. C. A. COAST LEAGUE.

Victoria Y. M. C. A. will play the first game in the Pacific Coast league on Christmas Day in this city, Vancouver being the first visitors. On New Year's eve the Seattle team will be on hand and this game will be a prelude to the New Year celebrations. The Victoria team will start on a tour January 7th and will visit every town in the circuit, closing with Portland on the 14th.

It was hardly expected that Portland would join the league, and much satisfaction is felt at the fact that there are so many teams entered.

Each team will pay a small fee to cover the expense of purchasing a $25 trophy and medals to each player.

W. Gardiner Findlay, of the local Y. M. C. A., was present at the meeting, and he is very much pleased with his reception at Seattle and with the result of the meeting. He returned home yesterday afternoon on the Chippewa.

The schedule is as follows:

At Tacoma—Everett, December 30; Victoria, January 11; Portland, February 1; Vancouver, February 13; Bellingham, March 4; Seattle, March 7; Hoquiam, March 14.

At Portland—Everett, January 1; Victoria, January 14; Hoquiam, January 24; Vancouver, February 15; Tacoma, February 22; Seattle, February 28; Bellingham, March 6.

At Hoquiam—Everett, December 31; Victoria, January 13; Portland, January 31; Vancouver, February 14; Tacoma, February 21; Seattle, February 29; Bellingham, March 5.

At Seattle—Victoria, January 9; Everett, January 15; Portland, February 3; Tacoma, February 8; Vancouver, February 11; Bellingham, March 3; Hoquiam, March 9.

At Everett—Victoria, January 10; Tacoma, January 31; Portland, February 4; Vancouver, February 12; Bellingham, March 2; Hoquiam, March 10; Seattle, March 14.

At Bellingham—Seattle, March 2, Victoria, January 8; Vancouver, Jan-January 23; Portland, February 5; Hoquiam.

At Vancouver, B. C.—Seattle, January 1; Victoria, January 7; Everett, January 17; Tacoma, January 24; Portland, February 6; Bellingham, February 25; Hoquiam, March 12.

At Victoria, B. C.—Vancouver, December 25; Seattle, December 31; Everett, January 16; Tacoma, January 25; Portland, February 7; Bellingham, February 24; Hoquiam, March 13.

GOLF.

FOR TREAT CUP.

The Treat cup competition is now in full swing. Last Sunday Seattle won from Tacoma at the Lake Washington links by a score of 4 to 2. Perfect weather prevailed and there was a good exhibition of skillful play. The individual winners were as follows:

H. S. Griggs, Tacoma, won from E. Y. Garrett, Seattle, two up and one to play; C. H. Kershaw, Tacoma, won from G. L. Munn, Seattle, two up and one to play; A. E. Strout, Seattle, won from Stuart Rice, Tacoma, four up and three to play; J. Gillison, Jr., Seattle, won from Chester Thorne, Tacoma, six up and five to play; H. W. Treat, Seattle, won from O. O. Van Milligan, Tacoma, eight up and six to play; G. W. Fisher, Seattle, won from H. Trowbridge, Tacoma, four up and three to play.

Next Saturday the victorious Seattle team will come over to this city and will play at the Oak Bay links. This will be the second contest on the local grounds this season, and it is thought that it will be the second win for the home team.

GENERAL NOTES.

There will be a joint meeting of the hockey and Rugby men this evening at the Oak Bay hotel to so arrange the hockey and Rugby games that they shall not clash. Many of the players are devotees of each game and when one team plays it weakens the other.

The Vancouver Celtics and Thistles were both beaten at Nanaimo on Sunday, the former by Ladysmith and the latter by Nanaimo. It is understood that these teams resembled somewhat the two teams that Con. Jones took over to Ladysmith some weeks ago. They were really scratch elevens drawn largely from the teams mentioned but not really representative of the strength of either team.

An invitation has been received by the J. B. A. A. Rugby team to visit Nanaimo on Christmas Day. It is not at all likely that the players will consent to be away from home on that day but a match of some kind will be arranged. It is not at all improbable that the J. B. A. A. and Victoria Fifth game, the last of the series, may be played on that day.

It is understood that there will be at least one association game in this city in the contest for the People's shield. This will be played well on into the spring. Most of the games will be played in Vancouver.

Victoria West intermediate basketball team will meet the Fifth Regiment to-night at the drill hall.

The Victoria Rugby team will be chosen on Thursday.

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TRAFFIC IN OLD HORSES.

Magistrate Says Horrible Trade With Belgium Should Be Stopped.

That crying evil, the traffic with Belgium in old horses for the purpose of sausage-making, was again brought to public notice in London when Inspector Rogers, of the R.S.P.C.A., made an application at the Tower-bridge police court to Mr. Cecil Chapman for two witness summonses on behalf of the prosecution in a case relating to the export of lame and diseased horses from Mark Brown's wharf, Tooley street.

The accused, a Belgian horse dealer named Achiel Van Hecke, is now out on bail. It had already been given in evidence, said the inspector, that he had threatened to blow out his (the inspector's) brains, and there was undoubtedly considerable terrorism exercised by those interested in the trade which made it difficult to obtain the necessary evidence.

The Magistrate: You refer to the case of those seven poor old horses that I saw in the yard?

The Inspector: Yes, your worship. I asked Van Hecke to allow me to have the unfortunate animals slaughtered, to put an end to their sufferings, but he refused, and they are still living on in misery. Our veterinary surgeon certified that they ought to be killed without delay, but Van Hecke, while admitting the ownership, obstinately declines to consent. They are all in a terrible state, and a foot of one of them is dropping off.

The Magistrate: It is shameful cruelty, and this horrible traffic ought to be stopped. I never saw a more painful spectacle than those seven poor old horses.

He then directed the officer to have the animals slaughtered at once, and granted the application for subpoenas.

PASSING BATTLESHIPS.

With the removal this week of the old battleships Cambridge and Calcutta from their moorings in the Hamoaze, a link with the days before twelve-inch guns and turbine engines will be severed. For not only was the Cambridge the home of seamen and boy gunners at Devonport for nearly fifty years, but she was also one of our earliest steam-propelled vessels.

The Calcutta, which for the last twelve years has been associated with the Cambridge as the gunnery school at the western port, was an Indian built ship, launched in Bombay in 1831, and with a good record of service in Far Eastern waters, where she was the flagship of Rear-Admiral Sir Michael Seymour in the first China war. In her the present Admiral, Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, served as a mate, and on the occasion of the attack on Fatshan Creek saved the life of Sir Harry Keppel, who died a year or two back, the "Father of the Navy."

To the name Cambridge attaches a list of battle honors as long and distinguished as that of any ship in our navy. The first to bear the name was a 70-gun ship, which was completed for service in the summer of 1666, and within a few weeks took part in the battle of St. James's Day. She was also present at the battles of Solebag, Bantry Bay, Beachy Head, and Barfleur, and was finally lost in the gale of February, 1693, off Gibraltar. Her successor was a 60-gun ship, built at Bristol, which took part in the capture of Gibraltar in 1704, and the third, Cambridge, took part in the relief of the Rock in 1872.

The vessel which has now gone out of service was originally called the Windsor Castle, and had for figurehead, a bust of Queen Victoria. Two years after she was built she was allocated for the duties of gunnery ship at Devonport, succeeding there a Combridge that had been built in the year of Waterloo.

ESCAPE FROM ASYLUM.

After being shut up in Bridgend asylum for eight years, a man named David Ross escaped, and his case was brought before the Merthyr, Wales, board of guardians as a result of a letter from the local government board, to whom Ross had written asking for redress for being apprehended and detained for three days in Merthyr workhouse.

Ross made his escape from the asylum by breaking a large iron bar, and letting himself out from the bedroom window. He had left his bedclothes and coat hanging outside his sleeping apartment to give the impression that he was in his room. He successfully hid himself for fourteen days—after which he could not be sent back to the asylum without being recertified—and then showed himself at Merthyr.

He was therefore taken to the workhouse for three days' detention under the lunacy acts, but the doctor being unable to certify him as insane he was liberated, and then wrote to the local government board.

In his letter Ross states that he worked hard at the asylum for his liberty for six years eleven months, but failed after sending out 320 or 330 letters, costing $6.25.

When this letter was read at the guardians' meeting Mr. T. T. Jenkins remarked that unless the man had escaped he might have been in the asylum still; and Mr. W. Harris suggested that the asylum had better be thrown open to ascertain how many sane people were there.

Mr. Augustus Davies said that there were several men working in the Aberaeron Valley who had escaped from asylums, and were perfectly sane.

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B. C. CANNING COMPANY, LIMITED.
G. C. JOHNSTON,
Agent, Victoria, B. C.

28th October, 1907.

Session of the Legislative Assembly, 1908.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE BILL.

NOTICE is hereby given on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that application will be made in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for a private Bill to re-enact, ratify and confirm the "Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1873," and the "Victoria Waterworks Amendment Act," Chapter 64 of the Statutes of 1892, and to make the following amendments and additions to such Act, and to consolidate the same with the following amendments:

To amend Section 2 of the Act of 1873, which enables the Corporation by a Commissioner to construct waterworks, by giving to such Commissioner power to manage and conduct and determine the use for any and every purpose to which any waters of the Corporation are put;

In Section 6 of the Act of 1873, as amended by Section 3 of said Chapter 64 of 1892, to empower entry on and expropriation of Crown lands and expropriation of surplus waters running to waste of any waterworks company, and of land in the watershed of any waterworks company, whether portion of the waterworks or not;

To amend Section 7 of the said Act of 1873 to authorize the conducting of water over and across the lands of the Crown and of the lands of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company at Goldstream or in Esquimalt, and to construct necessary works for conducting such water across, over, or under any conduit or pipe or other work of such Company;

To amend Section 10 by making the date for the annual return therein directed with statement of affairs of the waterworks to be made on the 15th January of the year following, in lieu of on the 31st December for the year terminating on that date;

To amend Section 13 as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 64 of 1892, by repealing the same, and substituting therefor a section giving power and authority to the Water Commissioner to fix the amount of waterworks tax, and so that the same may be assessed and levied on the basis of frontage along the water mains and branches thereof, or, in case of special benefit and advantage having regard to locality, to fix a special tax or additional tax, or to fix the tax according to the relative assessed value taken from the Assessment Roll, with power to place a special or additional tax on vacant lands fronting or abutting on the water mains, or partly by each of these methods, or by two or more or all, and so that such tax shall be a charge on the land supplied, or capable of being supplied, and also the power to fix a water rental for water supplied, whether with or without water meter, or by estimation or otherwise, with power to the City to pass By-Laws levying the tax and approving and enforcing the rates, rentals and charges for the supply of water;

To amend Section 14, as amended by Section 5 of said Chapter 64 of 1892, by separating, on the passing of a By-Law to that effect by the Council, the waterworks monies from general revenue, and to require payment thereof into a separate Bank account, paying only to the City Treasurer such amounts as the Council may, by resolution, direct;

To amend Section 27 of said Act of 1873 by giving power to the Council to authorize contracts for the sale of water mains and plant used in the supply of water outside the City or in adjoining municipalities to the Corporations of such municipalities, with power to contract with outside municipalities, corporations or persons for the sale of any quantity of water or power produced by water within such outside municipality or outside the City, upon such terms as to supply and use and payment therefor as may be arranged, and with express power and authority to any outside municipality with whom the Corporation may have made contract for supply, to levy within such municipality a frontage tax or other tax, assessment or rate for the payment of such water supply or power for the benefit of the Corporation, and with power to such Corporations to levy and collect such rates, assessments or taxes with the like remedies as the Corporation have within the City limits;

To repeal Sections 28, 29 and 31 of said Act of 1873 and to substitute therefor power to the Corporation to borrow money upon the security of the waterworks taxes, rates, rentals and charges and the general revenue of the waterworks system, or of waters belonging to the Corporation, with or without the guarantee of the city, and that the debentures to raise monies shall be issued under the formalities required for debentures issued under the authority of the Municipal Clauses Act and following Section 81 of the Municipal Clauses Act;

To repeal Section 32 of the said Act of 1873, and to substitute therefor power to the Corporation to purchase in extinguishment, at a sum not exceeding the par or nominal value of same, outstanding waterworks debentures out of the sinking funds set aside for the particular issue, with a direction to Bankers and others holding the said sinking funds to give effect to this enactment;

To repeal Section 33 of said Act of 1873;

To add to Section 34 of said Act of 1873, as amended by Section 9 of said Chapter 64, by enabling the passing of a By-Law to give effect to Section 14, and by separating and paying all waterworks monies into an account with the Bankers of the Corporation, there to remain under the control of the Council, and that such funds shall, unless otherwise at any time thereafter directed by resolution by a two-thirds vote of the Council, be expended on waterworks account alone, including sinking fund and interest on borrowed monies;

To add to Section 36 a proviso entitling the Commissioner and Corporation to one month's notice of action before any proceedings arising out of or in connection with the carrying out of the said Act;

To repeal Sections 40, 42 and 43 of said Act of 1873, and to enact that waterworks taxes, rates, rentals and assessments shall be debts due to the Corporation and collected as municipal taxes;

To give to the Corporation power to use or sell waters for producing any form of power, or for producing and generating and disposing of by sale or otherwise, light, heat and power, either within or without the City; that all powers, rights and privileges by any Act granted to the Corporation shall be applicable to the acquisition, use, disposal, supply and sale of waters for power purposes, and giving to the Corporation the following special powers:

Power to construct works;
To transmit power;
To convey power by wires and place poles for carrying wires on lands or highways outside the City, including Crown lands;
To construct all necessary buildings and works and maintain and operate the same, extending the powers of expropriation to waters for power purposes;
That any arbitration to ascertain compensation under Waterworks Acts may, at the election of the Council, be proceeded with under Section 261 of the Municipal Clauses Act;
And such incidental and necessary powers as are involved in the foregoing or may be conveniently used therewith.

MASON & MANN,
Solicitors to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
November 30th, 1907.

NOTICE is hereby given that we intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer of our license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situated at the corner of Douglas and Pandora streets in the City of Victoria, B. C., and known as the "Elk" Saloon, to Lorenzo McCrae and Bert Holden.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1907.

A. R. McDONALD.
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B. C. CANNING COMPANY, LIMITED.
G. C. JOHNSTON,
Agent, Victoria, B. C.

28th October, 1907.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of William L. Lewis, Deceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrators' Act.

Notice is hereby given that, under an order made by the Honorable Mr. Justice Irving, dated the 12th day of December, 1907, I, the undersigned, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above named deceased. All parties having claims against the said estate are required to send particulars of their claims to me, duly authenticated, on or before the 13th day of January, 1908, and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 12th day of December, 1907.

R. G. MONTSMITH,
Acting Official Administrator.

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PANTAGES THEATRE.

A Good Programme Is Offered This Week at Johnson Street House.

A good-sized audience was present last night for the opening performances for the week at Pantages. Those who attended seemed to be well pleased with the entertainment that was presented. The "Azards," European acrobats, although one member short for last night, put up an act that was well received. The trio will appear in their original act at all performances for the remainder of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Chick are clever sketch artists and made a very favorable impression in their travesty entitled "Charity Begins at Home." Dancing Davey is certainly a dancer from start to finish. In his particular line and style of dancing it would no doubt be difficult to find his equal. Hall & Calborn, as the "Swede and Happy Girl," present a sketch that is very laughable indeed. Mr. Hall's Swede character is well depicted and his dialect very natural. Miss Calborn, in her coon song, "Oh, Mr. Brown," is good and more than pleases. Miss Crawford sings very acceptably "Let Me Hear the Songs My Mother Used to Sing." The Pantagescope has a series of very amusing pictures, which bring to a close a good programme.

CHANGES IN REGIMENT.

The Latest District Orders Issued By Colonel Holmes, D. D. C.

Recent district orders issued by command of Colonel Holmes contain the following:

It is notified for compliance that pay lists of officers, permanent force and civil employees for the month of December, 1907, will be prepared and submitted in time for cheques to be issued on the 23rd instant.

The Following extracts from the Canada Gazette, dated Ottawa, Saturday, December 7th, 1907, are published for general information:

"Fifth' British Columbia' Regiment—Chaplain and honorary captain, Rev. W. W. Bolton is permitted to resign his commission, 9th October, 1907.

"Sixth Regiment, 'The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles'—To be lieutenant-colonel and to command the regiment: Major F. W. Boultbee, vice J. C. Whyte, deceased, 10th October, 1907.

"To be major: Captain J. D. Stuart, vice F. W. Boultbee, promoted, 10th October, 1907.

"To be adjutant: Capt. J. H. D. Hulme, vice J. D. Stuart, promoted, 10th October, 1907.

"To be captain: Lieut. A. Rowan, vice J. H. D. Hulme, appointed adjutant, 10th October, 1907.

"General Order 101, June, 1906, under the above heading, is cancelled.

"General Order 131, July, 1907, so far as it concerns Lieut. F. C. McTavish, is cancelled.

"To be captain, as a special case: Lieut. F. C. McTavish, 18th October, 1906."

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PROGRESS IN SETTLER'S CASE

J. H. HAWTHORNTHWAITE GAVE EVIDENCE

He Disclaimed That He Was Solely Responsible for Passage of Act.

The examination of witnesses for the defence in the Settlers' Rights cases was continued yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Fiddick being the first to give evidence. She said she was a sister of the late John Grandam, who died on his homestead about 22 years ago. Mr. Grandam took his land up as a settler, and had been occupying it ten years at the time of his decease. The property was surveyed by an engineer resident in Nanaimo. The survey was made in the presence of Mr. Grandam, Chas. Fiddick, the husband of the witness, and others.

To E. V. Bodwell, K. C., witness said that after her brother's death she looked after the place. Her sons did some clearing on it at various times. She did not know that there was coal on the property at that time. The present company was mining on the property under an agreement with her, which was in the bank at Nanaimo. Some evidence of the work done on the place by her brother was apparent to-day. Grandam was unmarried. The earliest recollection she had of coal on her property was 21 years ago, when she sold the coal to Robert Dunsmuir. Grandam's property was about a mile and a half from her place. He lived almost continuously on the place from the time he settled there until his death. The first cabin was built on the property about 32 years ago, and two other dwellings, which were rented by Grandam, were built after that.

Charles Fiddick, son of the last witness, said he was ten years old when Mr. Grandam took up the land in question, which was within his memory. Mr. Grandam cleared about two and a half acres of land and did some ditching and cultivation of the soil. He lived in the cabin which he built when he first settled. Witness was a rancher. He also cut fuel for the Western Fuel Company. He assisted as axeman in making the survey of his uncle's place. At this time he was fifteen or sixteen years of age.

Mrs. Thos. Hunter said she knew the late John Grandam. He was living on his farm at the time. As a girl ten years old she recollected accompanying the Fiddick girls when they were carrying food to Mr. Grandam on his place. It was customary for the Fiddicks to make bread and other things for Mr. Grandam. There were a couple of acres cleared on his place, and he kept some fowls on it. She did not remember having seen any vegetables grow there.

James Malpass, a miner at Extension, was the next witness. He knew Mr. Grandam and remembered him when he was on his place in 1879. There were three buildings on the place, two log houses and the cabin in which Mr. Grandam lived. A swamp below the cabin was cut out and ditched, the clearing possessing about two and a half acres. There was also a clearing round the cabin and some fencing done.

The provincial registrar was called and produced the record showing Mrs. Fiddick's registry as owner of the property in dispute. The crown grant from the Dominion to John Grandam was also annotated in the registry, the date of this record being August, 1888. The original documents of which these records were offered as evidence, Mr. McPhillips stated, were lost by fire.

To Mr. Bodwell witness said the record of the crown grant was only a note specifying the property. The exceptions were not noted therein, but he remembered that there were exceptions including the coal reserved to the railway company under the act.

Isaac Eulin, an engineer, residing on a farm on the Nanaimo river, said it was Mr. Grandam who showed him his place of location. Grandam was then living on his property. Witness helped him to do some ditching in the place, and Grandam had spoken of clearing for an orchard. Witness was present when the Grandam place was surveyed. Grandam raised cabbages on his place. Witness came to the province in 1882. He was interested as defendant in an action similar to that now under trial.

Mr. Gore was recalled by the Chief Justice, who asked what steps the department took to see that section 3 of the act with respect to work done on the places, etc., was complied with. He advised that settlers were asked to make a solemn declaration covering the point.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite was called and identified a letter written by himself in 1905 to the chief commissioner of lands and works. He wrote the letter as agent for Mrs. Fiddick. In effect, the letter enclosed a list of settlers to whom, the writer contended, grants should be issued under the Settlers' Rights Act. Mr. Hawthornthwaite said he had repeatedly urged upon the provincial ministers the case of the settlers and insisted that their grants should be issued without delay. To a question of Mr. Bodwell witness disclaimed sole responsibility for the passage of the Settlers' Rights Bill. He did not hold the balance of power, and it was not because of his ability to make things uncomfortable for the government that the act was passed. The government had a working majority without the speaker. At the same time he was proud of any connection he might have had with the passage of the measure.

Called for the plaintiff, John Bray, recorder and government agent at Nanaimo, produced an application for record of the Grandam property under the settlement act, also a declaration as required in connection therewith by John Grandam.

The court adjourned at 4.30 o'clock.

MAUDE FEALY WINS HEARTS OF AUDIENCE

Clever Young Star Makes Hit in "The Stronger Sex" at Victoria Last Night.

Though classed as a comedy, without any qualification, "The Stronger Sex," which Maude Fealy and her singularly talented company presented at the Victoria theatre last night, is a dramatic offering of rare worth. It is presented by a constellation of stars of the first magnitude with Miss Fealy a little to the fore with her natural brilliancy.

In the role of Mary Warren the gifted young actress answers many questions. Why, as a mere girl, was she selected by the late Sir Henry Irving as his leading lady? Why did the most far-sighted of critics predict for her a future of successes? Why did her photograph win the world's beauty contest?

Eloquent replies to these and a score of other queries are furnished by Miss Fealy in the character of Mary Warren. Her grace of speech and manner, her radiant youthfulness, the expressiveness of her features and the unmistakeable art that permeates all she does, place her in the front rank of her profession.

"The Stronger Sex" is a comedy only insofar as it is brimful of epigrammatic wit and asthetic humor and scintillating dialogue. It concerns a young American heiress who, through the clever engineering of a friend, becomes the bride of a penniless titled Englishman, a fortune-hunter driven desperate by his hopeless financial condition. How, on the wedding day, his bride discovers that his love belongs to another and how the realization of her position brings out her inherent western strength of character which eventually makes her husband a man and wins his love, all provide an intensely interesting play. Miss Fealy is at her best in the role of Mary Warren and the unusual felicity of expression which stamps her playing might easily lead a spectator into the erroneous belief that the play and the part were created especially for her.

As Hon. Warren Barrington, the leading male, Brandon Hurst, supports Miss Fealy faultlessly while Richie Ling and Wilson Forbes, in the respective roles of Oliver Thorpe and Robert Forsythe, play naturally and attractively. Excellent work is done by Mary Bertrand as Joan Forsythe. She plays strongly in the emotional scenes and also realizes the full worth of the lighter incidents. Florence Robinson is excellent as the widow of a South African millionaire, her characterization providing much of the comedy which runs through the piece.

The minor parts are well filled by competent artistes and the play runs so smoothly that there is not a moment when the audience does not realize the height of enjoyment. Beautifully staged, dressed and acted "The Stronger Sex" is something that will not easily be forgotten by those who witness it. The one regrettable feature of last evening's production was the scarcity of spectators, the audience being quite disproportionate with the excellence of the offering.

A novel fishing invention has been patented by B. Ashlack, an American angler. The contrivance consists of an electric light bulb suspended just below the float, and the inventor claims that the light attracts the fish for fifty yards around. In his first experiment he caught 82 fish in two hours.

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SUICIDE DISCUSSED FROM THE PULPIT

Remarkable Sermon by Eminent London Divine--Speaks of the Worldly "Hell"

Rev. R. J. Campbell, in the course of a remarkable sermon at the City Temple, London, on the subject of Christ feeding the multitude, in which he referred to the recent suicide in the Thames of an author and his artist wife, "who perished for want of bread," asked the congregation if they really believed the New Testament story in its literal sense.

The men who told the story were Orientals, and were not deceived in the least. They used it to illustrate the spiritual value of Jesus to the world. The feeding of the multitude was not the feeding of the body, but the feeding of the soul with the bread of life. It was a felicitous and beautiful symbol, but its beauty was destroyed and its teaching ruined when they sought to reduce it to the physical plane.

This statement evoked two or three cries of "No," and one member of the congregation indignantly exclaimed, "Certainly not."

Mr. Campbell: Very well, don't interrupt.

The preacher proceeded to state that the average representative of the Christian church argued that it was physical food, and "Now," said Mr. Campbell, "see the pretty mess into which they have landed us to-day.

"If Jesus came to minister to us today, and did not say who He was, do you think His own church would receive Him gladly? ("No.") It would not, I am perfectly sure. It would regard Him as a dangerous revolutionary, engaged in upsetting order in the church and state.

"He would expose the whole system and hollow sham of giving people good advice, or putting sticking-plaster on a running sore and calling it a cure, while we continue to profit by their material disadvantages."

The Worldly "Hell."

Referring to the suicide of Mr. and Mrs. Good, Mr. Campbell said that they had chosen that end because the struggle to live was too much for them.

"Here were two people of refinement and culture," continued Mr. Campbell, "brought up in good circles, able to produce beautiful thoughts and things, and yet they perished. As they had lived, loved and suffered together they thought they would die together and end it all. I suppose there are some people who would say these two poor things would go to hell. ("No.") If so, it cannot be very much worse than the hell they left. (Applause.) Who makes that hell? I make it. You make it. We all do our little to help to make it —not willingly, but thoughtlessly.

"If we had only known in time there is not a man or woman in this congregation who would not have shared his or her last crust to save this couple from the end of which they had heard. We are all sorry. Yet for every one of the cases we hear of there are 10,000 which are not heard of, and of which we never shall hear."

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DISPOSED OF ROUTINE WORK

QUESTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Business Transacted at the Weekly Sitting--Government Street Conditions Discussed.

The city council convened at 8:15 o'clock last night, fifteen minutes after the statutory time. The Mayor was on hand prompt on the hour, but the rest of the board straggled in afterwards.

A letter was read from the secretary of the provincial board of health, stating that they were unable to accept the city's position that the James Bay flats were not a menace to public health.

A motion was made that this should be received and filed, but a subsequent motion by Ald. Vincent that a meeting with the provincial board be arranged to discuss the matter was accepted without discussion.

Ald. Hanna wanted to introduce some observations concerning a bet he had made with the Mayor at the last meeting, but was ruled out of order.

J. S. Helmcken wrote at length on the subject of the Heywood avenue boulevard. The letter was referred to the city solicitor.

A writer advised that the report that the street numbering had been completed was incorrect, as no numbering had been done on Adelaide street. The writer also stated that the street was without a surface drain. The matter was referred to the streets committee.

With reference to the septic tank on the reserve the engineer reported that no damage to the property could result therefrom.

This was referred to the solicitor.

On motion it was decided to have a by-law prepared for the laying of granolithic sidewalks and improvement on streets as listed in a report of the assessor, as follows:

1. Douglas street, west side, between View street and Humboldt street.
2. Langley street, east side, from Bastion street to Courtney street.
3. Broughton street, north side, from Government street to Wharf street.
4. Gordon street, both sides, from Humboldt street to Broughton street.
Courtney street, south side, from the Metropolitan building to Douglas street.
5. Courtney street, north side, from Wharf street to Douglas street.
6. Humboldt street, both sides from Government street to Douglas street.

The following resolution was proposed by the Mayor and unanimously carried:

That this council desires to extend its cordial congratulations to the Right Reverend Bishop Cridge upon the fact of his having reached the ninetieth anniversary of his birthday. The council's congratulations are heightened by the remembrances of his long and useful life and of the very great respect and esteem in which the right reverend gentleman is held by all classes of the community. The council further desires to express the hope that all he may even yet be spared to the city, where he has been so long distinguished for his charitable spirit and good works, and to the profession of which he has been for so many years an honored member.

The presentation of the resolution was entrusted to a committee consisting of His Worship and Ald. Fell, but it was agreed that as many of the aldermen as possible should attend the gathering at the Bishop's residence at 4 o'clock.

Ald. Fell drew attention to the condition of Government street. He thought an effort should be made to put it in presentable condition before Christmas. He suggested that the holes might be filled up with gravel.

Ald. Henderson did not think it advisable to undertake such a temporary repair, in view of the fact that the repairing of the street was to be undertaken at an early date.

Ald. Fell thought it safe to say that they would not be laying blocks within six weeks.

The mayor said the creosoting plant would be ready this week and the blocks were now being cut. If it was not for interfering with traffic during the holidays the work might be begun almost immediately.

Ald. Ross did not think a load or two of gravel on the street would do any harm.

The mayor thought this was a matter that should be left to the engineer.

Ald. Fell said the engineer had assented to the idea that gravel might be used with temporary advantage.

Ald. Henderson thought it folly to spend money to have gravel on the street at present.

Ald. Meston disapproved of the gravelling idea.

The debate took the form of a conversational exposé of opinions on the gravel question, which waxed warm in parts, the mayor designating a question of Ald. Fell concerning the time required in making blocks, etc., as "balderdash."

Finally it was agreed that the engineer should be instructed to have a few loads of gravel used on the street, with discretion.

The committee for the Old Men's Home reported that they had decided to allow the caretaker to whom the late George Tear, an inmate, willed $120, to accept half the money, the other half to go to the city.

A request from the Victoria Poultry Association for a grant of $100 in aid of their show, to be held January 14th to 18th, was referred to the finance committee.

A number of other communications were referred to the proper committees.

Ald. Hall's resolution fixing the polling places for the coming civic election and the date of nominations and polling, as required under the municipal elections' act was passsed as follows:

That the nomination of candidates for the respective offices of mayor and aldermen of the city of Victoria, for the year 1908, shall take place at the police court, city hall, in the aforesaid city on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1908, from 12 o'clock noon to 2 o'clock p. m.

2. In case more than one candidate for mayor is nominated, the vote of the electors for the said office shall be taken by ballot in the courtroom, city hall, on Monday, the 16th day of January, 1908, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 o'clock p. m.

3. In case there are more candidates nominated for the office of alderman in any ward than there are vacancies to fill up, the vote of the electors for the candidates for the said office shall be taken by ballot on the 16th day of January, 1908, from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m., at the respective places following, that is to say:

For ward No. 1, in room No. 614, public market building, Cormorant street;
For ward No. 2, in room No. 618, public market building, Cormorant street;
For ward No. 3, in room No. 620, public market building, Cormorant street;
For ward No. 4, in room No. 622, public market building, Cormorant street;
For ward No. 5, in the railway waiting room, public market building, Cormorant street.

4. That William Walter Northcott is hereby appointed the returning officer at such election.

The polling place for election of school trustees on January 16th will be in the police court, city hall.

The following were appointed deputy returning officers to officiate at the elections under Returning Officer W. W. Northcott: For the election of mayor, William Dalby; ward 1, T. G. Rayner; ward 2, G. H. Maynard; ward 3, T. C. Sorby; ward 4, James Bell; ward 5, John Murdoch.

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PIG THROWN AT POLICEMAN.

The use of a novel weapon against the police was alleged against James Ford, 42, a porter, who was charged at the London Guildhall with theft, and committing a violent assault on a police constable.

He removed the carcase of a pig from a van in King street, West Smithfield. Market Constable Blake said he saw Ford carrying the carcase on his shoulder, and knowing he was not a licensed porter he stopped him. On being questioned the prisoner became very abusive, and, removing the carcase from his shoulder, threw it full in witness' face, nearly knocking him down. He followed this up with a blow on the jaw.

The accused pleaded guilty, and it was stated that he had been previously convicted. Alderman Simmons sentenced him to three months' hard labor, whereupon prisoner turned to the constable and viciously cursed him from the dock.

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Winners of our last Limerick will be published in the Victoria Times on Monday, December 9th.

Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Homestead Regulations.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent. Entry by proxy may, however, be made on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or inspection made personally at any Sub-Agent's office may be wired to the local agent by the Sub-Agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "personation" the entry will be summarily cancelled and the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim.

An application for inspection must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for inspection will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

A homesteader whose entry is in good standing, and not liable to cancellation, may, subject to approval of Department, relinquish it in favor of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

Where an entry is summarily cancelled, or voluntarily abandoned, subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for inspection will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Applicants for inspection must state in what particulars the homesteader is in default, and if subsequently the statement is found to be incorrect in material particulars, the applicant will lose any prior right of re-entry, should the land become vacant, or if entry has been granted it may be summarily cancelled.

DUTIES.—A settler is required to perform the conditions under one of the following plans:—

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such homesteader the requirement as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirement may be satisfied by residence upon such land.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 per acre. Not more than 2,560 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined.

QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent. on the sales.

Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5, renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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NOTICE.

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to replace the wooden block paving on Government street, between Courtney street and Johnson street, with wooden blocks, treated with creosote, and that the said work shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law," and amendment thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said by-law, upon the said work of local improvement, giving statement showing the amounts chargeable, in each case, against the various portions of real property to be benefited thereby, and their report having been adopted by the Council;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the report herein referred to is open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
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City Clerk's Office,
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 29th, 1907.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANN ELIZA LESTER, LATE OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, DECEASED.

All persons having claims against the estate of Ann Eliza Lester, who died on the 17th November, 1907, are hereby required to send the same duly verified to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of January, 1908, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay their indebtedness forthwith.

Dated December 4th, 1907.

ARTHUR LEE,
Executor, 11 Trounce Ave, Victoria, B.C.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of William Cottrill, Deceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrator's Act.

Notice is hereby given that under an order made by the Hon. Mr. Justice Irving dated 6th of December, 1907, I, the undersigned, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All parties having claims against the said estate are required to send particulars of the claim to me on or before the 12th day of January, 1908, and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

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Post Office Inspector Has Returned From Inspection Trip.

E. H. Fletcher, post office inspector, returned yesterday from an official visit to Port Essington, Hartley Bay and Kitamaat by the steamer Princess Beatrice.

A call was made at Skidegate and Jedway, on Queen Charlotte islands, the establishment of a post office at the latter place being under consideration. At Kitamaat a new wharf has just been completed near the terminus of the railway, and the wagon road from Kitoelas is expected to be finished by the middle of January, next.

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WEST COAST SHIPPING REPORTS

Carmanah (1 p. m.), Dec. 17.—Light north-east wind, cloudy, smooth. No shipping.

Cape Beale (1 p. m.), Dec. 17.—Light north-east wind, cloudy, smooth. Passed in, a steamship at 11:30 a. m.

Carmanah (9 a. m.), Dec. 17.—Light north-easterly wind, hazy. No shipping.

Cape Beale (9 a. m.), Dec. 17.—Light easterly wind, light rain, sea smooth. No shipping.

NEW IMMIGRATION RULE.

Yesterday a new system of examination was inaugurated by the United States immigration authorities in regard to immigrants going from this port and Vancouver to Seattle. In future it will not be necessary for aliens to undergo a second examination in Seattle, as the certificates which will be issued by the United States authorities in Canada will be collected just prior to the sailing of the steamships to Seattle.

In dealing with this change, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: The change is one of importance. In addition to the bother and delay to the passengers at the dock it will be a convenience to the steamship companies, and will do away with considerable routine work on the part of the inspecting officers.

Prior to this, after aliens had been examined by the United States immigration officers in the Canadian ports, they were given a certificate, and on the boat's arrival at Seattle all aliens were lined up and then identified, and their certificates collected by the officers.

Under the new system to be put in use to-day the aliens will be examined as before, and then, just prior to the boat's departure, their certificates of admission to the United States will be collected by the United States officers stationed in Canada. There will be no necessity for the local immigration officers to visit the boats from Vancouver and Victoria.

The change is a result of the recent trip of John H. Clark, United States commissioner of immigration, with jurisdiction over all Canada, to the Sound. When in Seattle this matter was called to his attention, and he made a report recommending the change, as did also John H. Sargent, of the local office.

This new system has long been in use on the Atlantic coast and on the Great Lakes.

In the absence of Mr. Burford, head of the local United States immigration agency, it is hard to say whether this new system will be applied in the case of Japanese landing here and going on to Seattle, and if so, how it will affect them.

While the scheme will no doubt do away with the necessity of inspecting the local steamships on arrival at Seattle, the peculiar point about it is that the alien, after paying his head-tax, will arrive at the United States port without his certificate, which is his receipt for the tax.

QUADRA'S TRIP A SUCCESS.

The D. G. S. Quadra returned to port last night from the west coast, after successfully landing supplies at Carmanah, Cape Beale, Lennard Island and Estevan Point. She brought down the gang of workmen from the latter place which has been engaged on the construction of the wireless station who have completed the installation of apparatus at Pachena to place the Estevan station in working order.

Heavy weather was encountered along the coast, but two fine days were utilized to their full advantage, and landings at the most difficult points were successfully accomplished.

The Quadra will probably leave again this week on another visit to the west coast stations.

CASTOR MAY BE SAFE.

The British ship Rajore, which sailed from Astoria two weeks ago with a cargo of grain for Europe, was towed into that port again with her steering gear disabled and her cargo shifted, on Sunday. The injury is slight, and while a survey may be necessary, the delay should not be over a couple of weeks.

Her master reports the French barque Buffon outside, and he saw what he believed to be the Castor that has been reported to be off the mouth of the river for the past month.

SWEPT OVERBOARD.

With her arrival at Aberdeen the end of November, the steamer Escalona, of Dundee, completed a trans-Atlantic voyage of a most exciting character. Both on the outward and homeward journeys the crew underwent most thrilling experiences.

Going westward with a full cargo of pig-iron for Quebec, terrific seas were encountered, and the deadweight nature of the cargo kept the vessel from rising on the top of the waves. Huge seas broke over the ship continually, and the carpenter, who had had occasion to be on deck, was swept overboard. The unfortunate man was never seen again, and even if he had it would have been impossible to have saved him with the sea that was running. The name of the drowned man is William Rosie, a native of Aberdeen, who resides in Leith.

Later on in the voyage the second mate, while emerging from one of the cabins, was also washed overboard, but, luckily for him, he was caught on the crest of a receding wave and dashed back on deck, where he was immediately rescued in a semi-conscious condition by members of the crew. There was still no sign of the sea calming down, and a fireman had the misfortune to be dashed against some of the deck fittings. On the vessel's arrival at Quebec the injured man was removed to hospital, where he still remains. Prior to her homeward voyage the Escalona underwent repairs at Montreal.

Eastward the weather was quite as bad, and although fortunately, there was no further mishap, many exciting incidents took place, and several members of the crew had hairbreadth escapes.

AIDED TWO VESSELS.

En route to Tacoma from San Francisco via Eureka, the steam schooner Charles Nelson, Captain Johannes Ramselius, aided two disabled vessels. The Nelson encountered some extremely rough weather, and with the excitement and extra work, the members of the crew were well-nigh exhausted when they made the Sound port on Sunday.

Eight miles off Eureka the Nelson found the gasoline schooner Sotoyome, 398 tons, on fire and abandoned. She towed the derelict close in to the Eureka bar, but was unable to save her. Just inside Cape Flattery she picked up the well-known schooner Willis A. Holden, 1,040 tons, which is said to have been in a helpless condition. After a hard effort the little steamer succeeded in taking the Holden into safe anchorage at Port Angeles.

ANXIETY FOR GERMAN SHIP.

A San Francisco dispatch says: Considerable anxiety is expressed among nautical men concerning the big German five-masted auxiliary power sailing ship R. C. Rickmers. She is now forty-seven days out from Sydney, with a cargo of coke and coal for San Francisco. On her outward voyage from San Pedro to Sydney with a cargo of cement, the Rickmers occupied forty days on the passage. But for the fact that she has auxiliary power no anxiety would be felt regarding the big ship, but since leaving Sydney she has not been spoken or sighted. The R. C. Rickmers has a crew of fifty men and is commanded by Captain Bandelin. She is 4,700 tons net register.

SHIPS THAT DO NOT ROLL.

The Hamburg-American line has, says the Bourse Courier, bought the patent of Dr. Schlick's gyroscope appliance for steadying ships, and ordered one to be built at a cost of $37,500 for one of their steamers on the Norderney service.

Those who have seen a boy's top gyroscope, a wheel spinning within a wheel, the axes being at right angles, will remember that it keeps steady in any position, and when inserted spinning in its box keeps that box absolutely steady even if standing on an edge or corner. Similarly, Mr. Brennan uses a gyroscope to steady his train which runs on one rail. Dr. Schlick's invention is of the same character. Tried in a German torpedo-boat, it practically stopped rolling, leaving only a gentle heaving motion.

ALASKAN STILL FAST.

The latest advices indicate that the steamship Alaskan is still hard and fast on the rocks at Cape Mudge, all efforts having failed to release her. Owing to her peculiar situation, difficulty is being experienced in taking lighters near enough to allow of her cargo being removed.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamship Fitzclarence is being detained at Comox in consequence of the disappearance of a Chinese seaman. It is believed that the missing Celestial has either got safely ashore or has been drowned in the attempt. If the Chinaman is not located, either dead or alive, the steamship will probably be fined $500 to cover the price of his head-tax.

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The Pacific Coast Company's steamship Governor sailed from the outer wharf last evening for San Francisco with a large complement of passengers.

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R. M. S. Georgia, of the Canadian-Mexican line, which is now in Esquimalt harbor, will leave at the end of the week for Vancouver to discharge cargo and load for the return trip. The Georgia will sail south on the night of the 30th.

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The steamship Tartar, Capt. A. Reed, arrived at Yokohama at 5 p. m. on Sunday. After discharging a small cargo at that port she will proceed to Kobe to be handed over to her new owners.

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The Swedish barque Arabella has been withdrawn from the overdue list after lying for a month at Buenos Ayres unreported. The barque Remittent has also been withdrawn, having arrived at Rio Grande.

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The ship Slieve Roe, which has been lying the Royal Roads shipping a crew for the past few days, was towed to sea to-day by the tug Lorne.

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The steamship Princess Beatrice left last night for Queen Charlotte Islands and northern British Columbia ports.

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The Norwegian steamship Tordenskjold, in ballast, passed up from San Francisco this morning for Nanaimo.

R. M. E. Empress of India arrived at Hongkong yesterday at 7 a. m. from this port.

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Design for Bedroom Linen

DAINTY bedroom and table linen has a certain fascination for the majority of women, and it may be said that there are few other household accessories which afford so much opportunity for decoration.

Empire designs for the bedroom and table linen are having a special run of popularity this year, the embroidery being either in white or the delft or pale blues, or in the more delicate pinks.

While the conservative woman will perhaps prefer the pure white in the decoration of her household linens, the embroidery done in the pale blues or the pastel shades is newer as well as more effective.

The design given on the page is a dainty arrangement of the Empire wreath, that can be quickly and easily worked even by the comparatively unskilled worker. It has no new stitches, and the design is simplicity itself.

The berries and tiny leaves are padded and then worked in the satin design. Or, if desired, the berries may be worked in the eyelet embroidery, though for bedroom and table linen it will be found more practical in the end to work them solid.

The design worked out as a crib cover is shown on the page. It might also be applied in like manner to a bedspread, shams, pillow cases, sheets or bolsters.

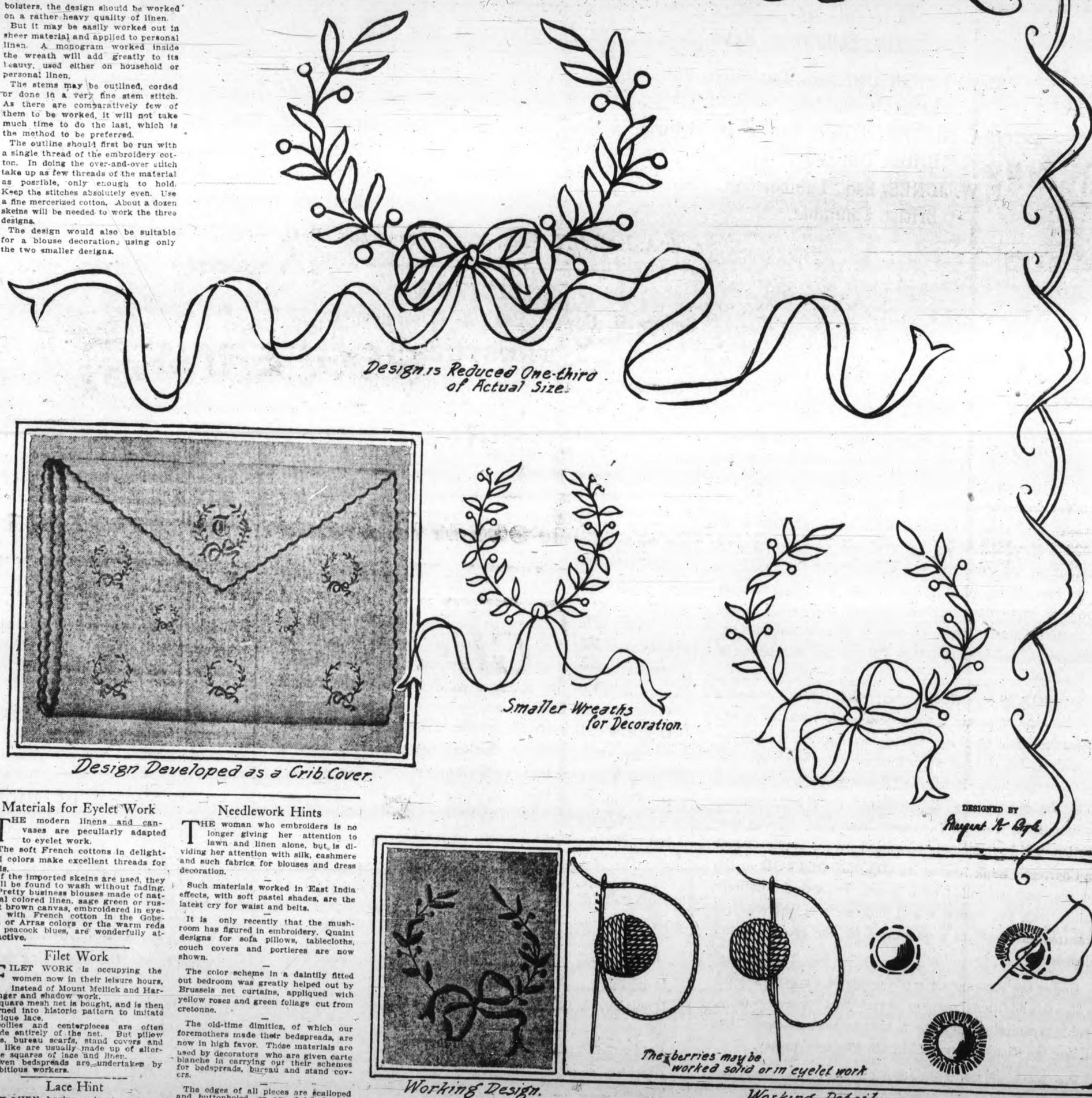
The edge should be buttonholed, first filling the outlines of the edges with a filling-in or darning cotton. For bedspreads, crib covers and table covers, pillow shams, pillow cases or bolsters, the design should be worked on a rather heavy quality of linen.

But it may be easily worked out in sheer material and applied to personal linen. A monogram worked inside the wreath will add greatly to its beauty, used either on household or personal linen.

The stems may be outlined, corded or done in a very fine stem stitch. As there are comparatively few of them to be worked, it will not take much time to do the last, which is the method to be preferred.

The outline should first be run with a single thread of the embroidery cotton. In doing the over-and-over stitch take up as few threads of the material as possible, only enough to hold. Keep the stitches absolutely even. Use a fine mercerized cotton. About a dozen skeins will be needed to work the three designs.

The design would also be suitable for a blouse decoration, using only the two smaller designs.



Design Developed as a Crib Cover.

Working Design.

Working Detail.

Positions for Monogram

THE position for a monogram on a tablecloth is at the hostesses' right-hand corner, two inches from each edge.

Where two monograms are used on a tablecloth the second one is placed diagonally opposite the first, two inches from where the cloth turns the edge of the table.

Monograms may also be placed lengthwise on the cloth, on each side of the center, just outside of the centerpiece. They should, of course, be placed as near as possible to the centerpiece, in order not to come too close to the plates.

Simple monograms alone, without any further ornamentation, make very beautiful decorations for luncheon sets.

To place a monogram on a napkin, fold it half through the center and again lengthwise.

Fold it in the opposite direction and again on itself, thus forming a square folded four times, which is the usual way of folding a napkin.

Now lift one corner and crease it diagonally. Open the napkin and crease the opposite diagonal of the same corner, applying the two sides of this corner together.

The point where these diagonals intersect is the point for the monogram.

Household Linen Helps

THE top hem on sheets should be three inches deep, and if linen, should be single or double hemstitched.

Pillow cases should be made an inch larger than the pillow, so that they will slip on easily.

The hem on the pillow case should be two inches and a half deep and hemstitched to match the sheet.

Towels should be marked with single two-inch letters or with three one-inch letters. The position for a letter or monogram on a towel is in the center, an inch above the hem.

A beautiful finish to a pillow case is to buttonhole a simple scallop around the hem and cut away the material around the edges. Set the monogram an inch above the scalloped hem in the middle of one side of the pillow case. The position for the monogram on the sheet is the same as for the pillow case, an inch above the hem in the middle width.

Knitted Bedspreads

ALONG with the old fashion for mahogany four posters, women have revived the art of knitting bedspreads identical with those made years ago by their grandmothers.

Some of them are works of art. They are difficult of construction, too, and one spread may take the entire leisure of one woman during a season.

One of the favorite designs is a combination of a log cabin and what old knitters call the mouse pattern. The spread is made in squares, which are fastened together with a pretty odd stitch.

It takes fifty-six of the large squares, which consist of four small squares fastened together, or 224 small squares, about five inches across, to complete the spread.

Besides this there is a border of plain knitting, which is in itself a matter of several weeks' work.

But the spread once completed, the worker really has something worth while, something that will wear for years and years.

Lingerie Pillow Covers

LINGERIE pillows are a very popular fancy of the moment.

This fashion of openwork design is rather more popular than the French embroidery seen on lingerie pillows last year. Made up over a colored lining, it is even more effective.

All shapes in these dainty pillows are fashionable. Round, square, oblong, heart-shaped and even in the design of a clover leaf, which is quite the newest idea in lingerie pillows.

Neither the money nor the handiwork spent on those pillows are a bad investment, for they wash beautifully, and may always be kept fresh and dainty looking, besides wearing remarkably well.

Materials for Eyelet Work

THE modern linens and canvases are peculiarly adapted to eyelet work.

The soft French cottons in delightful colors make excellent threads for this.

If the imported skeins are used, they will be found to wash without fading.

Pretty business blouses made of natural colored linen, sage green or russet brown canvas, embroidered in eyelet with French cotton in the Gobelin or Arras colors or the warm reds or peacock blues, are wonderfully attractive.

Filet Work

FILET WORK is occupying the women now in their leisure hours, instead of Mount Mellick and Hardanger and shadow work.

Square mesh net is bought, and is then darned into historic pattern to imitate antique lace.

Dollies and centerpieces are often made entirely of the net. But pillow tops, bureau scarfs, stand covers and the like are usually made up of alternate squares of lace and linen.

Even bedspreads are undertaken by ambitious workers.

Lace Hint

WHEN buying valenciennes lace which will be used where laundering is necessary, be sure to get the double-thread valenciennes. This will wear almost indefinitely, where the sheer Mechlin val will go in tiny holes in almost the first wash.

The latter is only suitable where laundering will not be necessary.

Washing Colored Embroidery

ONE excellent way to wash colored embroidery is to put a handful of bran in lukewarm water, in which place the articles to be cleaned, and let it soak, pressing gently from time to time, but not rubbing it.

When clean, hang up until nearly dry, and then iron.

Bleaching Embroidered Frock

THE embroidered colored frock or blouse that has become faded with frequent washings or from wear in the sun may be bleached to a clear white by boiling in strong cream of tartar water.

The correct quantity is a tablespoonful of cream of tartar to every quart of water.

Needlework Hints

THE woman who embroiders is no longer giving her attention to lawn and linen alone, but is dividing her attention with silk, cashmere and such fabrics for blouses and dress decoration.

Such materials worked in East India effects, with soft pastel shades, are the latest cry for waist and belts.

It is only recently that the mushroom has figured in embroidery. Quaint designs for sofa pillows, tablecloths, couch covers and portieres are now shown.

The color scheme in a daintily fitted out bedroom was greatly helped out by Brussels net curtains, appliqued with yellow roses and green foliage cut from cretonne.

The old-time dimities, of which our foremothers made their bedspreads, are now in high favor. These materials are used by decorators who are given carte blanche in carrying out their schemes for bedspreads, bureau and stand covers.

The edges of all pieces are scalloped and buttonholed, or are finished with narrow white cotton fringe.

To make dainty bedspreads, cut sprays of flowers from cretonne and sew raw edge on cotton cloth of any preferred color for background. An old white sheet may be used as a background. Over this throw a plain net spread, with a deep flounce, hemmed or edged with lace.

To remove rust from the steel beads, such as are used in crocheting purses, let them stand a little while in a bowl filled with kerosene. Rub in a soft cloth, wash in warm water and suds and dry thoroughly.

Stuff the cushions used for hatpins with rice. Pack it very tightly and cover with plush. This will stand firmly, even when full of heavy pins, and the plush will show no pinholes.

Working Dots

JUST at present satin and eyelet stitch are used most to embroider dots.

To become proficient in working these perfectly round a great many must be worked.

They may be done in a frame or they may be done equally well in the hand.

Scented Waist Hangers

SHIRTWAIST boxes are all very well, but they cannot accommodate more than two or three waists without crushing, and invariably the waist which one wants is at the bottom of the box.

If one has plenty of closet room it is a much better plan to use waist hangers on a clothes pole extended across the platform.

Every woman delights in dainty toilet belongings and will appreciate prettily covered waist hangers scented with her favorite perfume.

The frame should first be covered with cotton plentifully sprinkled with sachet.

An additional touch of daintiness may be had by suspending six or more tiny sachet bags from the center with baby ribbon.

This is also a very good idea for a hanger for light-weight skirts.

Baby's Blanket

BUY one pair of pretty cotton blankets.

Open and cut four inches below and above the center borders

This strip is cut into four widths, making four blankets of convenient size.

Bind around with baby ribbon or finish with blanket stitch.

This is worked with a double thread, bringing the needle between thread.

To Embroider Flower Stems

REMEMBER that stems are not merely bits of sticks by which the flowers are connected with the plants, but are integral parts of the plant, and full of individuality and character.

Remember that every stem is as unlike every other stem as the flowers and leaves are unlike.

Remember, since the stems are individual in themselves, it is well to observe from nature what the particular characteristics are of each stem.

Remember that all stems are larger at the bases than at the calyx of a flower, and it is a violation of the laws of nature and design to make them otherwise.

Remember to realize the importance of the stems in order not to feel that the work is practically finished with the completion of the flowers and leaves, and that all that remains is to get the troublesome things in by some or any means.

Remember, a point to consider before deciding upon the method by which any certain stem should be embroidered is whether it is lithe or supple, bearing a nodding flower, or stalky and firm, supporting leaves and blossoms of weight, or rugged and woody.

Remember that the material must be considered, whether it shall be full or solid or "half worked" only.

Finishing Tablecloths

THE French hem is the most attractive way to finish tablecloths and napkins.

It is made by turning an ordinary hem—that is, turn once and over again. Now turn it back upon itself so that the right side of the hem will lie upon the right side of the material and top sew the edge.

When this is finished spread out the hem and crease it flat.

This forms a much stronger hem than the one usually known, and sewed with the hemming stitch.

The raw edge only of a tablecloth and napkin should be hemmed.

The hem on the napkin should be as narrow as it is possible to turn it—that is, about an eighth of an inch.

The hem on a tablecloth should be a quarter of an inch wide.

No. 50 cotton should be used, and the work should be very firm to prevent its ripping out.

Conventional and Natural

MANY people are puzzled by the terms conventional and natural designs.

The former means a design which does not profess to copy nature, and only by device or form suggest the flower, leaf or fruit found in the pattern. It may be worked in any colors.

A natural design endeavors to follow the coloring of the natural leaves, blossoms and stems it pictures.

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British Columbia, with its great wealth of raw material in timber and minerals largely developed, with its opportunities for cattle ranching, mixed farming and fruit growing, with its fisheries and its increasing maritime trade with the Orient, Australia, Mexico and South America, and, above all, in the approaching development of its vast Central, Northern Interior, and Vancouver Island, by railway construction, will be immensely benefitted by the establishment of a Chartered Bank having its **CHIEF OFFICE** in the Province, and controlled by a Board of Directors entirely familiar with the resources and the needs of the country, whose names alone are a guarantee for the success of the undertaking.

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Merchants	100	156	8 "
Dominion	100	220	12 "
Toronto	100	202	10 "
Royal	100	225	10 "
Hamilton	100	185	10 "
Traders	100	125	7 "
Imperial	100	198	11 "
Standard	100	213	12 "
Molsons	100	190	10 "
Eastern Townships	100	156	8 "
Ottawa	100	215	10 "

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B. C. MEMBERS' PLEA FOR ORIENTAL EXCLUSION

(Continued from page 1).

We saw in our own organization looming up on the horizon of the Pacific, appearing with meteroic suddenness, another great world power, both commercial and naval, a nation, young, vigorous, aggressive, with recuperative powers undimmed by devastating wars, a giant undoubted, with possible limitless ambition. Who could tell? That Japan aimed to become the commercial and naval power of the Pacific was unquestioned. That she had also ambitions to sovereignty over the Orient would appear from the recent utterances of Count Okuma, who in a speech at Kobe declared, that Japan would surely disappoint the people of India if she waited to afford protection to the millions there now being oppressed by Europe.' Their ambition may extend also to the Occident, and furthermore, it was undeniable that the inevitable overflow of a now overdensely populated country would follow the lines of least resistance.

England guarded with jealous eye, and with her best blood, the northern passes of India. Mistress of the Pacific and with rapidly increasing colonies on our western shores, would not a united and land-hungry Orient turn a trained and calculating eye upon the Rocky mountains? It was noticed as an almost universal law that the political boundaries of nations of the old world were mountain ranges, creating and maintaining distinct national and racial divisions.

In North America, where the struggle for land had not become acute, we had penetrated mountain barriers unopposed. We had upset this almost universal law of the eastern hemisphere, although unconsciously it had appeared in provincial and state divisions of territory.

England had made an alliance with this new world power, but this alliance and all other treaties or compacts of an Eurasian complexion could never endure. They would, at best, possess only the elements of expediency. They could never possess elements of permanence or stability. It was impossible, it was impracticable, nay, more, it was unnatural. As individuals, races did not, and never would assimilate. As nations their ultimate and individual destiny, their world-wide interests, their undying ambition, centred in points as opposed as the poles.

Canada recently accepted this treaty made by Great Britain. Whether this was done at the request of the Imperial authorities or of her own volition mattered little. It was claimed that trade relations with Japan and the Orient were of paramount importance. It was found on investigation that trade with Japan was not an important factor. Japanese commercial and manufacturing activities were rapidly increasing, and those who were then pressing for trade relations would, in a few years be praying for relief, for protection against the cheaper manufacturers of Oriental origin. The United States was not disturbed over trade relations with the Orient, and why should Canada be?

Oriental trade would flow in the most favorable competing channels, and when we consider that the ports of Vancouver, Victoria and Alberni were 600 miles nearer Hongkong than San Francisco, it gave Canada an undeniable advantage. And again, Prince Rupert, with a harbor equalled by few and surpassed by none in the North Pacific ocean, east or west—and he had visited all those of importance with the exception of Port Arthur and Vladivostock—Prince Rupert occupied a commanding position from the fact that the distance to the Orient was 350 miles less than from Vancouver, and nearly 1,000 miles less than from San Francisco. Prince Rupert, backed by the grain fields of Alberta and Saskatchewan, equipped with elevators and terminal facilities, was destined to command trans-Pacific trade, irrespective of Oriental restrictions.

It had, however, only taken a few months' experiment with this treaty to manifest the weakness of our position in so far as immigration is concerned, and it had been found necessary to send a plenipotentiary in the person of the minister of labor to Japan with a view to a more definite understanding.

That our representative to Tokio would be firm, even to the verge of failure, was his hope for Canada at this time, thus leaving the government in a position to carry out their avowed policy of 1903, and he trusted that legislation would be introduced this session with this in view. Canada should not, and must not, recede from the position that immigration to this country should be controlled from within, not from without. Other self-governing colonies assumed and maintained this position. That Canada, the connecting link of British dominions, should do likewise was doubly imperative.

He noticed in recent press dispatches from Tokio a statement credited to Baron Ishii, chief of the bureau of commerce of the Japanese foreign office, who had just returned to Japan from a trip to the Uinted States and Canada, investigating the immigration problem. The essence of his statement was that Japan would bow with deference to the wishes of the United States and discontinue sending her laborers to that country, but would continue to send a limited number to Canada. If this was correct, that Japan had yielded to the wishes of the United States, disregarding the understanding with this government, as expressed on the floor of this House, the position of Canada as a colony of Great Britain was indeed humiliating. It had been charged that the whole question of Oriental immigration was largely the result of labor agitations and labor unions. Speaking for himself, the charge was absurd. The interest he had in this was a national interest. In his constituency he had not even a labor union, much less a labor agitator. He mentioned this matter of local interest to corroborate what he said. He had no sympathy with mob violence, but he did sympathize with legitimate agitation, the recognized weapon of every free born British subject. Were Canadians to stand idly by and see our Canadian national life dragged down to the standard of a contract slave? Were we to saddle upon our offspring and the future generations of Canada the blighting prospect of everlasting competition with the out-porings of the Orient? Were we to allow our Dominion to be sacrificed to commercial and corporation greed of expediency? Why should we not agitate for the future of our country? Agitate for a white Canada from Atlantic to Pacific? It had been stated that this was a problem for the West. With that he took exception. In his opinion it demanded the highest consideration of statesmanship and diplomacy, both colonial and Imperial. That this problem presents many difficulties no one can deny.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had solved many difficult situations with lasting advantage to Canada and the enrichment of his fame for statesmanship, and Mr. Sloan trusted that in this the premier would acquit himself also with dignity to his country and add honor to his name. This was not a question simply for the West. It was of Canada and of the empire.

No Room for Yellow and White.

Duncan Ross (Yale, Cariboo) said that the question was as old as Noah. Just as well to try and mix water and oil as white and yellow. Race prejudice existed since the day when an all-wise inscrutable Providence took sides by bestowing a special blessing on the sons of Japhet, and it will continue to exist for all time. There was room in British Columbia for a million of one class or of the other, but not room for both.

He spoke of the neglect of British Columbia by the federal authorities since federation. In this connection he read a letter written about 1880 by Col. Prior to Sir John Macdonald complaining of the neglect of his government to the province and threatening to resign if Victoria did not get that which she was entitled to. Of course the colonel did not resign and the same conditions prevailed.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government took office its policy was that the destiny of the country was bound up in the west. The construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway did more to develop British Columbia than any other factor. The settlement of British Columbia can no longer be retarded. But the choice of settlers has to be made. Shall it be white or yellow? Will British Columbia be one of the most attractive parts of the British Empire or be offered as a sacrifice to the hordes of hungry Orientals? Would they fold their hands and allow the yellow man to fill up vacant spots and leave the white man out? Umbrage was taken at Canada's desire to regulate her own immigration. It was quite true that the relations between Great Britain and Japan were cordial to-day, but what of to-morrow? A Jap could not be denaturalized from Vancouver to the Rockies. The great national military railway was manned by subjects of the Mikado. If trouble came the railway would be put out of commission.

When the treaty was submitttd to parliament for ratification British Columbia members had the assurance of the government that the arrangements entered into between Canada and Japan in reference to the restriction of immigrantion would be carried out notwithstanding the treaty. British Columbia members had received assurances that a confident undertaking was given by the representative Japanese government that the arrangement would be strictly adhered to. There was no protest from either the leader of the opposition or any of his supporters against the treaty. The criticism of the leader of the opposition would be more in place if it came a year earlier.

The policy of the government to keep Orientals from coming here by arrangements with their governments is satisfactory if effective, but they must be kept out except in exceptional cases and on our terms and conditions. There was no reason why British subjects should not be legislated against if necessary. The best solution of the question was Kipling's watchword, "Pump in the Whites." Let us build up a country from the Atlantic to the Pacific and people it not with an unassimilative people of different races and color, but by strong white men, proud of the country in which they live, and prouder still that under the old flag their conditions will be such as to enable them to maintain the land for themselves, their children, and their children's children.

J. B. Kennedy (New Westminster), summed up the subject as follows: "The question has been thoroughly well discussed, the arguments advanced from many different standpoints and I think by this time the House must be convinced that British Columbia has a grievance, and that the members of that province are justified in trying to force the government to take some action. Until we hear the result of the Lemieux mission we do not need to press the matter. But in the meantime I would like every member of the House to ask himself how he would look at this question supposing the same trouble arose from his constituency. Would he not look at it in much the same way as we do?

In conclusion I have to say that I am sure that this motion will be passed without any opposition.

J. B. Kennedy then read his remarks of last session on the subject.

M. S. McCarthy, of Calgary, moved an adjournment of the debate and the question will not come up until some time after the House re-assembles.

FROM DEVIL'S ISLAND.

Escaped Prisoners Alarm Residents in British Guiana.

Eight prisoners from the French penal settlement at Cayenne, better known as "Devil's Island," of Dreyfus fame, having made their escape from the settlement, landed on the coast of Essequebo, British Guiana, on November 3rd, utterly without food, and in a boat that was rapidly sinking.

Their appearance was by no means welcomed by the people on the coast. The Frenchmen were without means to purchase food, and, rendered desperate by hunger, they hung round the shops and the houses in the township of Anna Regina in a way that greatly alarmed the inhabitants. Fortunately a strong body of police were in the neighborhood, and the refugees were taken into custody. They were later released on the understanding that they would at once leave the colony.

The Frenchmen failed, however, to keep their promise, and next day they were again taken into custody and sent under a small escort to the county jail at Suddie. On the road the Frenchmen attacked the guard, overpowered them, and made their escape into the denses bush. For a time no trace of the men could be found. Later, however, the refugees, overcome by hunger, were arrested in twos and threes. They will be handed over to the French authorities.

QUEEN ON A BARREL.

In the convent of Klosternenberg, near Vienna, there is a huge wine cask, and one of the ceremonies at the annual vintage is sliding from the top.

Many well known people have gone through the ordeal, but it was left to this year's festival to be honored by the participation of a Queen in the revels. The Queen Mother Cristine of Spain and her brother, the Archduke Eugene, both showed great interest in the merrymakings, and both undertook a slide down the side of the famous barrel, of which they had heard so much.

The origin of the sliding is found in a story of a coper who, returning home in a merry condition, was forced by his wife to scramble up one side and slide down the other as a punishment.

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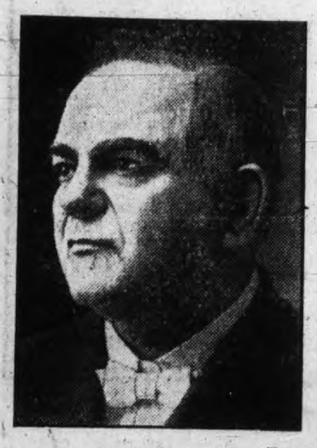

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A PARIS RESORT

In one of the puff preliminary articles on Maxim's, it is remarked that there are three places in Paris which every Englishman knows, the Morgue, the Moulin Rouge, and Maxim's.

The examples have been chosen unfortunately. The Morgue has ceased to exist as a show place, the Red Mill has become comparatively respectable, and Maxim's—well Maxim's is to be Anglicized and sold to the British public, if the British public will buy it.

Maxim's, which is regarded as one of the smartest, or the fastest, according to taste, restaurants in Paris, is brought to London presumably for the reason that the French investor would not look at it. The prudence of the French in their investments is proverbial.

If the French investor would have taken to the flotation it would have been wholly offered there, but presumably the promoters of the concern hold the view that the glamor of Paris is more attractive to the foreigner than to the native.

Of course the French investor may have a bit of Maxim's if he is indiscreet enough.

The shares are offered simultaneously in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Russia, and the United States. At least the prospectus says so. What have Iceland and New Zealand done that they should be barred?

But the point is that the celebrated Maxim's is touting the civilized world to sell itself for a paltry $600,000.

Sensualism and Finance.

What is this Maxim's which aspires to make a record in the history of company promotions? says a London exchange. The advertised articles which have appeared in the press tell us all about it. In some cases these articles are undisguised advertisements. In other papers, including the illustrated weeklies, they are undisguised editorial articles—paid for. All are authorized; they are the official description of Maxim's. It is described as a centre of "endless and paradisaical frivolity." The environment is appropriate to the life of the place:

"Around us stand the Venuses and Bacchantes and the Sirens among the perfumed palms, and the gay frieze of dancing women tiptoeing on champagne bottles are marvels of art."

The people who frequent it harmonize with the decorations. We are told that:

"The best-dressed, wittiest, and pretiest women of the monde and the demi-monde sup at Maxim's with their male friends and relatives. (Sic.) As the night wears on the music of the red-coated band becomes more exhilarating and more alluring. It intoxicates the brain, it invades the feet, it invites to the waltz, and presently there are couples swaying rhythmically with swishing feet upon the floor."

It sounds like an extract from an indifferent French novel, but it is not. It is a mild, lurid description of Maxim's. This is another touch of poetical sensuality:

"Some professional beauty, with glittering arms and marble throat embellished with costly pearls, is waltzing divinely in the arms of an American. It is an enchanting scene—this lighthearted, swift, and evanescent fun which never degenerates into vulgarity, and never goes beyond the borders set by discretion and good taste."

The last remark is delicious. It reads as if the company promoter reminded the author that he was appealing to the English public and requested him to "tone it a bit," or put in a saving clause.

Discretion and Good Taste.

Still, there is a little inconsistency between the description. The "borders set by the discretion and good taste," are drawn very wide, as they include this sort of thing:

"A pair of audacious eyes may flash alluringly from over a glass brimming full of champagne. There is none of the stateliness of the Carlton or the Savoy; everyone is bent on extracting the utmost enjoyment from the passing moment. Everyone talks at the top of his or her voice, and shrill laughter rings out above the tunes of the band of the red-coated Tsiganes."

If this kind of intoxicated rowdyism comes within the "borders of discretion and good taste," one wonders where indistretion begins at Maxim's.

Everyone seems to take liberties with everyone else at Maxim's. The leader of the orchestra enjoys a roving commission. We read:

"He has a knack of wandering about the room and playing melodies into the very ears of favored customers. The people supping talk at the tops of their voices, and laugh in shrieks, so as to be heard above the general clamor; and were the place for five minutes to be as silent as the supper-room of the Savoy or of the Carlton at its merriest, one would wonder what catastrophe had happened."

More "discretion and good taste." Here is another tit-bit:

"The music, the light, the choice wines, the high prices—laughter, imperturbable waiters, money in showers, flirtations—all contribute to the gladness of heart and the pleasure of life. Is life worth living? If you be ever in doubt a visit to Maxim's will always set your mind at rest. The music of the red-coated band will delight you—refresh you. It will intoxicate your brain, it will invade your feet; it will invite you to the waltz. You are overwhelmed by the sipping-sapping influence of pleasure and elegance and voice.

"The air is charged with electricity—electricity of the sort that gives off flashes of wit in pure joyousness of living. Yes, joie de vive is the 'note' at Maxim's."

Maxim's is a comparatively humdrum place during the day. Dinner-time is described as its "rosy morn." Supper-time is only its "brilliant noon," while the small hours after supper are "its warm voluptuous nights."

Liberty Hall—New Style.

We are not surprised to read that "there is no formality, no aloofness; nobody stands on dignity." No introductions are required; the ladies who patronize Maxim's very readily introduce themselves. They are variously described in the official descriptions as "Butterflies," "demi-mondaines" and "professional beauties." There are also names for them.

"Champagne flows like water, and bank-notes change hands there as freely as do coppers at a country fair on market-day."

So that in one sense there is money in Maxim's. The extent of the ladies' wearing apparel is not described, but at any rate they wear hats, as we are told:

"Very different from London is this Parisian life. Here the ladies wear their hats at dinner."

It looks as if a decadent poet had been let loose at Maxim's, and then put to work on the official description, as witness the following.

"At Maxim's life is a dream, a poem. Every artistic susceptibility is gratified. At Maxim's the great fact is recognized that man is a spirit as well as an eating machine."

There are some things which the official recorder thinks should be described in French, and which he dare not write in English. He tells us that the smart young man:

"To see the smartest of Parisian society in its full 'joie de vive' he must secure a table at Maxim's, 'a deux' of course, or with a small and well selected party of kindred spirits, and then—he shall see what he shall see!"

The writer shrinks even from particularizing what is to be seen. As for the women:

"They are here to perform no social duty, to entertain no guests, but simply and solely for the purpose of having a good time in the company of those whom they like best—for the moment, 'soit entendu.'"

Finally we are told that Maxim's provides "cabinets particuliers which are always in great demand" — again the audacious advertisement writer seeks safety in French.

Such is Maxim's which is appealing to the British investor for sovereigns, tempting him with the glorification of the demi-monde, adding touches concerning glittering eyes, brilliant smiles, and intoxicating hours.

But if Maxim's is a place which on social grounds, assuming that investors have qualms of conscience, should be left to stew in its own immoral juice it is equally objectionable from a financial point of view.

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Of the tuberculosis patients treated in Pennsylvania's "Camp Sanatorium," which was established with the aid of the state, 75 per cent. have either recovered or been greatly improved.

PERSONAL REMINISCENCES OF THE KAISER

The Kaiser is perhaps the most misunderstood monarch that ever wielded a sceptre. When crowned, the world saw in him youth, boldness, energy and frankness. Any one of these qualities—virtues, all of them—was sufficient to shake its confidence; combined, they fastened upon him a false reputation, which age and success seem unable to destroy. Within two short years of being half a century old, and after a peaceful, progressive reign of almost twenty years, the Emperor is still often spoken of as an "impetuous young man."

He took the helm from the hands of Bismarck, and few can appreciate now with what amazement and dismal forebodings the German nation heard that news. But what is the record? No wars came—no, not even rumors of war. Within two years he made with Russia one of the greatest commercial treaties of recent times; another, very advantageous to the German manufacturer, was arranged with the United States. France was placated; the Triple Alliance more firmly welded; technical schools, which form the foundation of the country's commercial greatness, were extended to every town and village; art, science and education were conscious of his friendly and critical supervision; and the army seemed to have been revisited by the spirit of the Great Frederick himself.

In all history it would be difficult to find a parallel to the rapid and substantial progress made by Germany during the past twenty years; yet the world at large persistently withholds its praise from the one controlling personality to whom this success is primarily due. And here it may be well to confess that in the beginning (and I spent five years in Germany as United States consul) I, too, shared the public prejudice, which, in my case, was confirmed by occasional glimpses of this proud and austere-looking Kaiser as he rolled by in state processions. Later I learned that the stern looks of the Emperor, his independent judgment, and the firm opinions that are always so incisively expressed, do not spring from any paltry vanity or conceit, but are the ripe fruit of a lofty soul and a brilliant mind.

A Genial Comrade.

I saw him in the autumn of 1894, in the Palace of Breslau. The occasion was the unveiling of the monument of the old Emperor William in that ancient Prussian town on the borderland of Russia. Seventy thousand of the finest troops in the German army were to march next day in review before the Imperial guests, the Czar and Czarina of Russia. In addition to the suites of the two Emperors their leading ministers were there, besides hundreds of the veteran officers who had distinguished themselves in the Austrian and Franco-Prussian wars. It is said that the three-day festivities on that occasion have never since been equalled in grandeur or brilliancy.

After the banquet the guests disposed themselves by groups in the main reception room, and it was then that one saw the Kaiser in his natural mood. His formal and formidable air had disappeared and was replaced by the friendly, genial, and even jovial demeanor of the whole-souled comrade.

He would pass quietly from one group of officers to another, who, seeming to have imbibed the spirit of their Emperor, greeted him in like friendly and informal manner. Every now and then an animated discussion would arise, in which all seemed to participate on the self-same level. But although the Emperor withheld all semblance of official authority during these impromptu discussions, it was plainly evident to the most casual observer that in ideas and in argument it was he who prevailed by sheer intellectual power.

Always Learning.

At the appointed hour the consuls were formally presented to His Majesty. The Russian consul was cordially greeted in a few happy phrases in French, and passed on; the French consul in like manner, and in the same tongue; the Austrian consul was greeted fraternally in the German language, and he, too, passed quickly by. The American consul was then presented, and also essayed to pass in the same formal way. But he found himself quietly—almost imperceptibly—detained. It was not that any special compliment was intended either for the consul himself or for the country he represented. The Emperor avails himself of opportunities to discuss and investigate whatever topic he may be interested in at the moment. He has never been to the United States, and on this occasion was anxious to discuss certain phases of that country's affairs with one of her citizens.

During the few minutes that followed it was amazing to notice the fund of accurate information which the Emperor possessed about the various states. An extract or two from that spirited conversation will convey a clearer idea of his ready information than could any kind of description. It must be understood that the conversation was entirely spontaneous, since it was impossible for the Emperor to have had any intimation of the meeting before it actually took place.

In answer to His Majesty's question as to what state I lived in—Texas—the quick response was: "Then, when you are at home, you are about half on horseback and half on foot." A most apt characterisation of Texans, who are great riders, and are justly regarded as very superior horsemen.

Then followed a rapid series of questions as to the average height, weight, powers of endurance, and other points of the hardy Texas pony. The interest of his cavalry was evidently being considered.

Semmes of the "Alabama."

My native state happened to be mentioned. The word "Alabama" was no sooner uttered than he exclaimed:

"Then you were born in the state that produced the great Raphael Semmes? Do you know that I consider Semmes one of the greatest admirals of the nineteenth century. I am now reading his book, 'Service Afloat,' and have requested my admirals to study it closely."

It was plainly evident that the navy, above all subjects, was uppermost in the Imperial mind.

However, there was ample room for other matters, as was manifested by his familiar reference to the great pine forests of Eastern Texas and the rich iron ore beds of North Alabama.

Being questioned, one felt that one could have learned much of one's own land from the versatile questioner. But another thing equally surprising was not only the fluency of the Emperor's English, but his close familiarity with its idiom, and the absolute absence of even the slightest trace of a foreign accent.

These incidents can, of course, only indicate some of the characteristics of this great ruler, who, though proudly independent, is a virtuous, high-minded, God-fearing man, of whom a generous, though caustic, English critic, writing from Paris to one of the London papers some twelve years ago, said: "The German Emperor is far from being perfect, but even his bitterest enemy is yet to be found who will say that in all his dealings, both private and public, at home and with the treaty-making powers of other lands, there has ever been even the slightest question as to his absolute honesty and manly courage."—Frederick Opp, in the London Mail.

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BOUNDARY LABOR QUESTION.

Employees of Branby Mine at Phoenix to Take Referendum Vote on Wage Scale.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 16.—A special to the Daily News from Phoenix announces that the miner's union of that city have appointed a committee to confer with Manager Hodges, of the Granby company, on the new reduced wage scale, and subsequently the union will take a referendum vote in favor or against accepting the reduced scale. Strong opposition was offered to the taking of a vote and in Phoenix it is considered that in the decision to take a vote another step has been taken in settling the labor question in the Boundary.

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And it's "'Arry wot a row,"
And it's "'Arry wot's up now,"
And it's "'Arry" all the livelong day;
And it's "'Arry 'Awkins this,"
And it's "'Arry wot's amiss,"
But it's Harry's most exasperating way.

In the morning Harry's clean,
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For he'll never stop to think;
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Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

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Directors of Orphanage Home Select Committee Also at Meeting.

Charles Hayward was again re-elected president of the British Columbia Orphans' Home. The committee of management met yesterday afternoon in the city hall and the above was their decision. They also re-elected E. Crow-Baker treasurer, and Wm. Scowcroft secretary. A certain amount of routine business was disposed of. The following are the standing committees for the coming year:

Finance, J. H. Lawson, E. C. Baker, D. Spencer. Repairs, H. Dallas Helmcken, K.C., Charles Hayward, L. Goodacre.

For the various churches a committee of ladies were named as follows: Representing the Anglican churches, Mrs. G. Wake, Mrs. E. Crow-Baker, Mrs. C. F. Todd, Mrs. A. Toller; representing the Baptist, Mrs. H. F. Bishop, Mrs. J. A. Van Tassel, Mrs. William Andrews, Mrs. D. P. Pickard; representing the Congregational churches, Mrs. J. Mayor, Mrs. William Scowcroft, Mrs. D. Spragge, Mrs. A. A. Crompton; representing the Methodist churches, Mrs. F. W. McCulloch, Mrs. W. Berridge, Mrs. N. Shakespeare, Mrs. R. Croft; representing the Presbyterian churches, Mrs. D. Miller, Mrs. Latimer, Mrs. William Munsie, Mrs. T. Fell; representing the Reformed Episcopal church, Mrs. W. R. Higgins, Mrs. J. Langley, Mrs. G. A. McTavish, Mrs. K. Huckell.

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BETWEEN COUNCIL AND E. & N. COMPANY

The City Solicitor's Advice Was Followed at Meeting Held Last Evening.

At last evening's sitting of the city council, the clerk read a communication from the E. & N. railway, in relation to their application to the railway commissioners with respect to the crossing of Store street, conveying information as to what they were asking for. Accompanying this a letter was read from the city solicitor advising that the council in view of the nature of the plans specified by the company, should refuse assent to the negotiation. The matter was referred to the solicitor with power to act.

The communications on this subject were as follows:

Text of the Notice.

The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company hereby applies to the board for an order under sections 221 and 222 of the Railway Act, authorizing the applicant company to construct, maintain and operate a branch line from the applicant company's present terminus on the south side of Store street, in the city of Victoria, British Columbia, to the proposed additional terminal grounds of the said company on the north side of Store street in the said city of Victoria, namely, block D., formerly owned and occupied by the Albion Iron Works, as shown on the plan, profile and book of reference accompanied herewith in duplicate and upon the terms hereinafter mentioned.

A plan, profile and book of reference showing the said proposed branch line was duly deposited in the office of the registrar of deeds in the city of Victoria. The plans sent herewith are endorsed with a certificate to that effect.

Four weeks' public notice of the applicant's intention to apply to the board under the aforesaid sections of the Railway Act was also duly given and evidence of such public notice is sent herewith.

Terms above referred to are:

1. That the applicant company shall not allow cars to stand upon Store street, except in cases of unavoidable obstructions to traffic not caused by the applicant company.

2. If at any time hereafter the applicant company shall cease for the space of one month to use the said branch railway as herein provided unless prevented from doing so by law or by strikes or by any breaking down of machinery or by destruction by fire or otherwise of any buildings, bridges or structures or by any act of God or by any causes over which the applicant has no control, the authority hereby given shall be deemed to be revoked and the applicant shall remove from the said street the said line of railway and all materials of construction and reinstate the said street in a thoroughly good condition fit and suitable for vehicular and other traffic.

3. That the applicant shall at all times during the construction of the said line of railway on the said street and the operation of traffic over the said railway and during any repairing or alteration of the same, take all due and proper precaution for the safety of foot and other passengers and of horses and carriages passing along the said street.

4. After the construction of the said branch railway on the said street, the applicant shall repair and amend the said street all such work of reparation and amendment to be done to the approval of the city engineer of the city of Victoria.

5. That the roadway between the rails and within at least eighteen inches outside of the rails shall be paced and kept constantly in repair by the applicant and the applicant shall construct and keep in good repair in like manner such portions of any other streets which may intersect the said branch railway.

6. Should the remainder of the roadbed of Store street be damaged by reason of the construction, repairing or maintenance of the said line of railway thereon, then the applicant shall repair and amend the same.

7. The rails of the said branch railway shall conform to the grade of Store street and the rails shall be flush with the level of the street.

8. The city of Victoria shall give the general superintendent of the applicant company fifteen days' notice in writing (except in cases of emergency) of intention of doing any work upon the said street that will interfere with the working of the railway or the works herein contemplated and shall replace the same in as good order and condition as before such work was commenced.

9. That the applicant shall indemnify and keep the city of Victoria indemnified against all claims for damages or for compensation by any owner, tenant or other person entitled to compensation by reason of any of the matters herein authorized and against the cost and expenses of any arbitration or proceeding at law or otherwise to which the city may be put in respect of any such claim.

10. During the construction of the said branch railway on Store street due and proper care shall be taken that the traffic and travel on the said street and intersecting streets shall not be unnecessarily impeded and lights shall be burned and watchmen provided and kept by the applicant company when and where required to prevent accidents to the public.

Nothing herein contained shall give the applicant the exclusive right to use the said street and it shall and may be lawful to and for all person or persons whomsoever to travel upon and use the said street provided they do not unnecessarily impede or interfere with the cars of the applicant company running thereon; subject at all times to the right of the applicant to keep the said tracks with the said cars on meeting or overtaking and other vehicles thereon.

Nothing herein contained shall excuse the observance by the applicant, its officials and servants of any reasonable regulations which may now be existing or may from time to time be passed in exercise of the city's jurisdiction over its streets or over the railway or tramway companies using the same.

Dated the 11th day of December, 1907.

The city solicitor's letter was as follows:

His Worship, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen; Re E. & N. Railway Co.

Gentlemen,—The solicitors to the railway company have forwarded us by mail to-day notice of their application to the Board of Railway Commissioners, asking us to accept notice, but we have returned the notice to them informing them of the invariable rule in this office not to accept service of any originating proceeding, but to require the same to be formally and properly served on the city council, so that they may be seized of the matter and instruct us.

Looking at the notice we observe that the application is framed to ask for leave to construct, maintain and operate a branch line between the present terminus and the terminal grounds in block D. The plan and profile showing the rail coming out to Store street opposite the northwest corner of Fisguard street, and running into block D on Chatham street at the southwest corner of the block. The line then runs out from block D in a northerly direction on to Store street as far as Pembroke, curving into Pembroke street and there joining the B. C. Electric company lines.

It appears to us that the company are endeavoring to take advantage of the negotiations for the agreement, and they have inserted in their application all the material terms of the agreement negotiated with the city, excepting of course what we will term "Clause 15" as to running powers, and these may be discovered on a more close consideration. The company evidently intend to put the case to the Railway Commissioners that the corporation have really conceded the right to run on Store street, and to construct the branch, and that the only point of divergence is one in which, as they will contend, the city are making a quite unreasonable stipulation.

Having regard to the adoption by the company of this line of conducting the application, it is desirable that the council should authorize us to give the company a notice that all negotiations attending the agreement must be deemed to be at an end, and that the council must be taken to refuse their consent to the proposed branch construction upon the highways of the city.

OPPOSED REMOVAL OF THE BUILDINGS

Deputation Waited on Council--The Spring Ridge Gravel Pits Again Discussed.

At the meeting of the city council last night a deputation of property owners, with H. D. Helmcken as spokesman, was heard with respect to the projected removal of shacks on Fort street, under the improvement by-law. The contention was that while certain repairs to these buildings might reasonably be insisted upon, it was unreasonable that they should be removed altogether, as such removal would entail a considerable loss of money now accruing to the owners in rents. The owners of the buildings wished opportunity to put them in such repair as might meet the wishes of the council, within a reasonable time.

Mr. Bridgeman, as agent of the buildings in question, said that so far as he knew no objection could be urged against the places on sanitary grounds, and asked for further enlightenment on the subject.

The building inspector stated that it was the back partition of the buildings which had occasioned condemnation.

In reply to a question of the mayor, the inspector expressed the opinion that the repair of these buildings should not be permitted. He claimed they had passed that stage.

Mr. Helmcken said that repairs had been permitted to other buildings in the immediate vicinity and he did not see why a similar privilege should be denied in this case. In reply to the mayor he stated that he referred particularly to a building on Douglas street occupied as a curiosity shop.

The fire chief, asked for his opinion of the buildings as a fire risk, said they were in a bad state of repair, and that the rear premises were in a tumble down state.

The building inspector explained that the building referred to by Mr. Helmcken on which repair had been permitted had been properly passed upon by the department and the repairs duly authorized.

Mr. Helmcken thought his clients were entitled to equal consideration.

After some further discussion, further consideration of the matter was deferred for a week, to give the property owners time to make an arrangement with the building inspector as to the work which must be done to bring the places up to the standard required.

The property in question is described as back lean-to buildings and fences and sidewalks in the rear of Nos. 638, 640 and 642 Fort street, assessed in the names of J. C. Newbury and Miss Cowper, and also the premises at 1112 Broad street, used as a carpenter shop and lumber yard.

The request of the British Columbia Land & Investment Agency that the buildings belonging to Thomas Catterall on lot 170, block 13, be allowed to remain until his tenancy expires in February next, when the agency, as owners, would be quite willing to have the buildings removed, was granted.

The engineer reported that the work of fencing and protecting the gravel pit on Vining street could be done for about $150.

Ald. Fell disapproved of the city undertaking this work, unless at the expense of the owner.

Ald. Gleason agreed with this, and added that one of the owners had expressed willingness to him to do his part of the work.

Ald. Fullerton moved that the engineer be instructed to proceed with the work and charge the same up to the property owners.

The matter was settled with the idea that if the property owners refused to do this work the city will go ahead with it at their expense.

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